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New Saipan-Rota flights

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Star Marianas Air, Inc. now operates four daily scheduled flights between Saipan and Rota, with two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Effective Aug. 14, according to their website, the local interisland carrier will fly Monday through Saturday every week, with its first flight from Saipan departing at 7:45am and arriving at 8:15am on Rota.

Its second morning flight leaves for Saipan at 8:30am and is scheduled to arrive at 9am.

For their afternoon flights, Star Marianas' flight departs Saipan at 4pm and arrives half

an hour later on Rota at 4:30pm. At 4:45pm, it departs for Saipan and is scheduled to arrive at 5:15pm.

Star Marianas can accommodate up to 32 customers each day using its four twin-engine eight-seat aircraft, according to administration officer Alma Canlas.

Canlas said all aircraft are air-conditioned

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\$134.33M budget bounces back to House

» **Senators give \$1.61M more to PSS, cuts lawmakers' allocation to restore \$400K for Tinian**

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Senators passed yesterday a \$134.33-million

budget bill with \$1.61 million more for the Public School System and a cut in lawmakers' allocations and leadership funds in order to restore \$400,000 for Tinian, among a few

amendments that they hope the House would approve, with only six weeks before fiscal year 2015 begins on Oct. 1.

"We are counting on a smooth budget process. If the House passes this and the governor signs it into law, it could

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Senate OKs bill to ban candidates for running for more than 1 public office

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Although senators only briefly announced Ray Yumul's resignation from the Senate at yesterday afternoon's session, they nevertheless passed a bill that once signed into law would prohibit the seven candidates who are already certified to run for two Senate seats in the Nov. 4 gen-

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eral elections to also run for a special election to fill the third Saipan senatorial seat that Yumul vacated.

As of yesterday, no senator prefiled or introduced a resolution commending Yumul for his almost two-year membership in the 18th Senate.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) introduced during session yesterday Senate Bill 18-66 and asked that the

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Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), left, confers with Senate clerk Doris Bermudes, while Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), second from right, confers with Senate counsel Antonette Villagomez during a short session recess yesterday afternoon. The Senate passed the CNMI's fiscal year 2015 budget bill and approved a special election-related bill, among other things.

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Saipan lass completes summer course at London drama school

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Anna Rose Deleon Guerrero, a 2012 graduate of Saipan Southern High School and currently a student at Northern Kentucky University, recently participated in an intensive three-week summer course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England.

Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* of the jetlag she had to work off during her first week of courses, as the flight there was a long one.

But that hurdle, among other things, did not keep her from an experience she describes as life-changing.

Deleon Guerrero first heard about the intensive summer classes from her mother, but was taken aback by the cost of tuition.

"It was just so expensive!" she said. "The exchange rate from U.S. dollars to U.K. pounds is absolutely terrible."

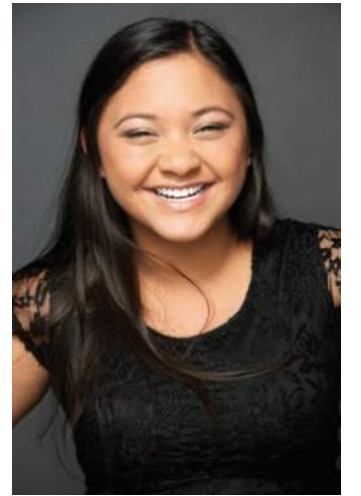
On her mother's urging, she persisted, however, and after writing an essay, touting her resume, taking headshots, and receiving donations from kind friends and family, she was able to go as one of the 27 to be accepted for the Acting in Musical Theatre course.

Hundreds all over the world apply for the school, with 136 chosen this summer, she said. For regular courses, only 26 are accepted at the prestigious school this year.

She said she feels lucky and proud of herself to have been accepted, and grateful to those who helped her get there.

"No matter what, there are always people who are better [than you]," she said.

Spurred through her jet lag by her excitement over the city and classes, Deleon Guerrero soon discovered the "intense" in "intensive," as she said rehearsals



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Anna Rose Deleon Guerrero recently participated in an intensive three-week summer course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England.

sometimes extended well into the night.

"We were in classes from 9am to 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6pm, or even later, depending on whether or not we were seeing a show that evening, or staying late for rehearsal, or staying late for a class that went later than usual," she said.

The school is well-known for its training of such alumni as Orlando Bloom, Daniel Craig, Hayley Atwell, and Dame Eileen Atkins, among others.

Because of the workload required by her classes, she rarely had time or energy to go out. She spoke of one night-out however, an experience that taught her the raw power of theatre and art.

She caught a showing of *War Horse* one night and described how the audience was moved to tears with such simple yet nuanced stage conceits.

"[It was] unlike any show I've ever seen or done. The fact that a man-operated, horse puppet made of wood could reduce grown adults to sobbing wimps, including me, just tells you how well they do

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Habitual offender's probation is revoked

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"There can be no justice without the appropriate sentence."

Thus said Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho in revoking the probation of a habitual offender and imposing the full maximum remainder of the original sentence—four years in prison.

Camacho ordered Christopher M. Igisomar to serve the four years day to day, without the possibility of parole and weekend release.

Igisomar was given credit of four months and 17 days of time served.

The judge reminded Igisomar that he is still facing possible additional jail time in a new case that is assigned to Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

At yesterday's revocation hearing, Camacho found by a preponderance of the evidence that Igisomar violated the conditions of his probation.

Part of the deal was for Igisomar to comply with all the conditions of the agreement as well as obey the laws of the CNMI.

Camacho said Igisomar has failed to "hold up his end of the bargain."

Assistant attorney general Chemere McField asked for the revocation of Igisomar's proba-

tion because of the filing of the newest criminal case. Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for Igisomar.

In Igisomar's newest criminal case, the OAG charged Igisomar with robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, theft, and disturbing the peace.

Igisomar allegedly entered a gas station in Chalan Piao and robbed the cashier of cash. His co-defendant, Joseph C. San Nicolas, confessed to police that they agreed to rob the gas station.

Igisomar was arrested and has been in custody since April 4, 2014.

In revoking the probation, Camacho said Igisomar is a repeat offender who has enjoyed lenient plea bargains in the past.

Camacho cited four criminal cases, in which out of a possible total sentence of 52 years, Igisomar only served a total of 11 years "because the Office of the Attorney General extended lenient plea bargains."

The judge said at the beginning of yesterday's revocation hearing, the OAG once again asked the court to postpone the hearing so Igisomar can go pursue a plea bargain in another court.

Camacho denied the request and ordered that the hearing move forward.

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25-pct. pension out but retiree questions linger

Retirees' deferred 25-percent pension payments hit their accounts yesterday or a day later than earlier anticipated, but some questions about the amount of payments linger.

Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), during a session yesterday, acknowledged

retirees' patience in waiting for the restoration of their 25-percent pension but "still there are other concerns."

"They ask, why are they being deducted and the calculation is not what they expected," Hocog said.

He echoed Gov. Eloy S.

Inos' announcement that the retroactive pay covers nine months, from Oct. 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Payments for the July to September quarter will be released in October.

The Senate vice president said the economy will see a

boost from retirees' spending as a result of the disbursement of the 25-percent pension funds.

Funds from Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s \$30-million deposit related to its receipt of an exclusive Saipan integrated casino resort license are being used to pay retirees' deferred 25-percent pension and later, interest pay-

ment on withdrawn defined benefit plan contributions. The latter is expected to be

released by the Department of Finance next week. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

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and are equipped with radar, GPS, autopilot systems, and can fly under instrument condition both day and night.

In a statement, Star Marianas president Shaun Christian said, "SMA is doing the best it can to support transportation between the islands of the CNMI and Guam. Although challenges still remain in getting access through the Guam terminal, some progress has been made, thanks to the involvement of the leadership in the CNMI."

Star Marianas has been flying 5,000-6,000 flights each month

and has another twin-engine aircraft arriving either later this month or early September, according to Canlas.

With recurring problems to Cape Air services over the last few weeks, Star Marianas' new flights come as another option to those who want to travel between Rota and Saipan.

According to Canlas, Star Marianas and Cape Air are the only two regional airlines certified to operate scheduled flights between the two islands.

Roy Manglona, who flew in from Rota yesterday, said the Star Marianas flight was "reliable."

Star Marianas has its main headquarters on Tinian and operates a total of 12 aircraft.

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bill be placed on calendar for immediate action because of the urgency of the matter. All seven senators present agreed.

At 3:52pm, the bill co-authored by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) passed by a vote of 7-0.

The bill, if passed into law, would also cover all future elections. SB 18-66, now headed for the House of Representatives, prohibits a person from running for more than one public office in a general, local, or special election.

Same-day elections

At the same time, Saipan senatorial candidate and attorney Stephen C. Woodruff suggested in an Aug. 12 letter to fellow candidates for the same post to take a unified position to ensure that the special election will be held on the same day as the general election "in the most democratic and intelligent fashion" with three Senate seats to be filled and with seven candidates already on the race.

"If the governor waits just two weeks until Sept. 5 to issue the call for the special election, the special election can be held concurrently with the general election as I propose, and no legislative action is required," Woodruff said yesterday.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero also earlier suggested this option to hold the special election on the same day as the general election.

Holding the two separate elections in one day will save the government \$70,000 to \$80,000, which is the cost of one election.

Earlier, Reyes considered amending the law to allow the governor to waive the 60-day period for this year's special election.

1 CMC 6503, "Time of Special Election," provides that "Special elections subject to the call of the Governor shall be held on a date set by the Governor which shall be no less than 30 days nor more than 60

days from the date of the proclamation provided for in Section 6502. The Governor shall also set the time limit within which polling places may be designated and declarations of candidates and nominating petitions may be filed."

Suggested proclamations

Woodruff, a former Senate legal counsel, suggests that when Gov. Eloy S. Inos calls for a special election, he should also proclaim that the currently certified candidates for the general election shall also be deemed candidates in the special election, among other things.

Also among Woodruff's four suggestions for the governor's proclamation is that there shall be no additional period for submission of nominating petitions for candidates for the special election, and that there shall be a single ballot for the general election and the special election.

Woodruff also suggested that the governor proclaim the unsuccessful candidate in the general election receiving the highest number of votes (i.e. the third highest vote-getter) as the declared winner of the special election.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), as of yesterday, has yet to send a formal letter to the governor notifying him of a vacancy at the Senate as a result of Yumul's resignation as required by Article 8 Section 5 of the NMI Constitution.

Meanwhile, Woodruff said yesterday that he sent the Aug. 12 letter to six other Saipan senatorial candidates vying for two Saipan senatorial seats at the general elections.

Besides Woodruff, the other candidates are Oscar M. Babauta, Arnold I. Palacios, Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Iluminada "Lumi" R. Bermudes, Justo S. Quitugua, and Jesus I. Taisague.

Woodruff said Quitugua and Taisague have expressed full agreement with his letter, while they were unable to deliver the letter to Bermudes until yesterday. The three other candidates, Woodruff said, have not responded to his letter.



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Anna Rose Deleon Guerrero, far bottom right, studies sword-fighting in stage combat at Guildhall School.

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what they do," she said.

Among her class activities were stage combat lessons, puppetry, masked performance, period dancing, and the basics of the Argentine tango.

"I learned how to beat the breath out of someone, and kill them with a sword, without actually doing so, which was so much fun," she said.

A notable instructor of her courses was Patsy Rodenburg, a voice instructor known for her many books as well as instructing such talents as Natalie Portman, Hugh Jackman, and Ian McKellan.

Her life is about her craft, Deleon Guerrero said, adding that she is always looking to improve herself.

But living and pursuing her dreams aren't without a cost. As a major in Musical Theatre in NKU, she has had to draw from

her life-savings, scholarships, and her patience and resilience, as she described financial pressures as "always present."

She acknowledged that there may be more profitable and secure paths out there like teaching or nursing. Nevertheless, she believes rejection, financial worries, homesickness, or the heartache over the loss of loved ones while she is away can all be overcome.

"Any fears, sorrows, or hardships are overcome by my passion. They will always be over-

come by my passion. Passion is more powerful than all of those combined," she said.

Training in ensemble work helped her grow as a human being as well as an actor, as she learned to access a new level of presence on stage, which was simply, despite her doubts, learning to accept herself as she was.

"We could all use a little more theatre. It's powerful. Actors are not afraid to tell and express what others are terrified even thinking about," she said.



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Anna Rose Deleon Guerrero studies mask work at Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England.

BUDGET

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be the first time that a budget is in place during the month of August, which is the earliest that I can recall," Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The budget bill passed the Senate by a vote of 7-0 at 4:39pm.

House Bill 18-201, House Draft 3, Senate Substitute 2 is now headed back to the House for approval or rejection.

If the House rejects the Senate version, a conference committee will be formed to hash out the differences and come up with a "compromise" bill. In 2010, the CNMI government had to partially shut down because the House and Senate at the time could not agree on a budget in time for the beginning of a new fiscal year.

More for PSS, NMTI

The Senate gave PSS, as promised, an additional \$1.61 million, bringing its budget to over \$33.441 million for 2015. This will enable PSS to, among other things, meet the federal maintenance-of-efforts requirements.

The \$1.61 million given to PSS came from funds earlier set aside for the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Senators, however, wanted PSS to spend over \$1.161 mil-

lion of the additional \$1.61 million to hire 35 new teachers.

"The Senate wanted to make sure that PSS' student-teacher ratio will be reduced that's why we gave additional funds for hiring teachers. It would be up to them where to spend the rest of the additional money given to them," Taimanao added.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) thanked his colleagues for supporting a higher budget for PSS and NMTI. He also gave credit to Taimanao for ensuring that the budget bill passes the Senate as fast as it can.

"There's more funding for our children, for PSS and NMTI. Allotment made to our children, you'll never regret," he added.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan and other education officials lobbied the Senate for more PSS funding after the House passed their version of the budget with only a slight change from the governor's proposal.

The Senate also gave \$200,000 more to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, for a total of \$400,000 from the CW worker funds. The additional funds came from \$100,000 taken each from CW funds originally allotted for PSS and Northern Marianas College. As a result, PSS and NMC each get \$500,000 in CW funds, from the original \$600,000.

Senators, however, retained the NMC funding that the House gave.

The Senate also gave one ad-

ditional full-time employee for the Department of Public Safety, Taimanao said.

Tinian

Senators slashed the House and Senate members' allocation so they can restore much of the \$400,000 for Tinian or the Second Senatorial District's budget to its 2014 level of over \$5.916 million. The other funds for Tinian came from a reduction in the Senate and House leadership's funds.

Now, the House members' total allocation is \$1,396,440 or \$69,822 each representative, Taimanao said.

Senate members' total allocation is reduced to \$628,405 or \$69,822 each senator, Taimanao added.

"We also gave the Legislative Bureau \$31,000 in additional operations funds so they can prepare for the January 2015 inauguration," Taimanao added.

La Fiesta leases, CEC

Taimanao offered an amendment that will allow a \$60,000 advance allotment for the Commonwealth Election Commission's operations funds in time for the November elections. Thereafter, the rest of the commission's operations funds will be released equally every month.

Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) offered a floor amendment that members later adopted, adding a subsection

FBI special agent testifies in Roberto's trial

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A Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent testified yesterday in the ongoing jury trial in federal court of former acting Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond B. Roberto.

Joe McDoulett said he was one of several FBI special agents involved in investigating Roberto.

Roberto, 40, is on trial on three counts of enticing three underage girls to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy took just a few minutes to question McDoulett, primarily asking him to identify the prosecution's exhibits that pertain to exchange of text messages between Roberto and the alleged victims.

Guam lawyer David J. Lujan, one of two private counsels for Roberto, was more extensive in his cross-examination of McDoulett. He will resume questioning the special agent today, Friday.

Responding to Lujan's questions, McDoulett disclosed that he visited Parkville

Motel in Gualo Rai thrice, including Wednesday night, as part of their investigation in Roberto's case.

According to the allegations, Roberto brought the alleged victims to Parkville Motel several times.

The agent said he visited the motel Wednesday night just to observe the property. He said he just "turned around" after about five minutes and that he did not interview anybody there.

He said the first time he visited the motel was in August 2013 when police detective Melissa Bauleong showed him and FBI special agent Haejun Park the place in connection with their investigation.

McDoulett said they did not inspect the rooms in that visit.

He said the second visit was when he and other FBI agents served the subpoena to the motel management. He said Yoon Suk Chang, the owner of the motel, accepted the subpoena.

Chang completed his testimony yesterday morning.

McDoulett said he participated in the interview or investigation with one of the three alleged victims.

He said one of the girls told him that she ran away from the house of her father.

During the interview, he said the girl told him "the events that she suffered through."

Lujan repeatedly asked the question whether the girl in their interviews stated that she ran away in March 2013 or in April 10 or 11, 2013.

McDoulett said the day mentioned was not April 10 or 11.

Lujan asked if the special agent remembers a letter from one of the girls, demanding payment of \$400 from Roberto.

The prosecution objected. U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona directed the counsels for a sidebar.

On the alleged tampering allegations, McDoulett said Roberto, who was then under detention, directed Darlene P. Halstead to throw away or get rid of a SIM card for a

cellphone.

In his opening statement on Wednesday, Badawy said that when the sex scheme was discovered, Roberto contacted a woman to get rid of evidence.

McDoulett said upon Roberto's instruction, Randy Igi-somar, an inmate at the Department of Corrections, contacted Halstead on the phone about getting rid of the SIM card.

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Quichocho, uncle don't oppose sale of Ladder Beach properties

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Disbarred lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho and his uncle, Joaquin Q. Atalig, do not object to the judicial sale of their Ladder Beach properties to pay a court judgment in the amount of \$192,328.04 in favor of an investor.

At a hearing in federal court yesterday, attorney Michael Dotts, counsel for Quichocho and Atalig, stated that the remedy in this case is a judicial sale of the defendants' properties and that they have no objection to that.

Dotts and attorney Stephen Nutting, counsel for investor Sin Ho Nam, said they will prepare a protocol so the judicial auction of the properties will be done quickly.

Attorney Colin Thompson, another counsel for Nam, also appeared at the hearing.

With no objection from the parties, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered the unsealing of her Aug. 4, 2014, order relating to the writ of execution that Nam requested.

Writ of execution refers to a court's order to the sheriff or other similar official that allows the sheriff to collect money or take possession of property owned by a judgment debtor.

In that Aug. 4 order, Manglona stated that writs of execution are governed by state procedures.

Under Commonwealth law, Manglona said, "the court, at the request of the party recovering any civil judgment in that court for the payment of money, shall issue a writ of execution against the personal property of the party against whom the judgment has been rendered, except as provided in" Commonwealth statute.

The judge said one such exception governs "all interests in land."

Manglona said these interests may be ordered sold or transferred only if the court "deems that justice so requires and finds as a fact that after the sale or transfer, the debtor will have sufficient land remaining in support himself or herself and those persons directly dependent on the debtor according to recognized local custom and the law

of the Commonwealth."

"Accordingly this court orders this matter set for hearing to make this determination," said Manglona in the Aug. 4 order that also set the hearing for yesterday.

At yesterday's hearing, Dotts stated that his clients have no objection to Nam's application for writ of execution and that there are no issues regarding the Ladder Beach properties, as both Quichocho and Atalig have other properties.

Nam had asked the court to take possession of real properties owned by Quichocho and Atalig, and sell them to satisfy the \$192,328 court judgment.

Nam asked the court to issue a writ of execution and an order for the sale of real properties as Quichocho and Atalig failed to make a single payment as per their settlement agreement.

Nam sued Quichocho and Atalig in 2010 for breaching a land lease agreement when they terminated a 55-year lease on a property located at Ladder Beach after less than two years, despite having already paid them \$218,000.

The federal court awarded summary judgment on Nam's claim, but the lawsuit was later dismissed after the parties entered into a settlement.

In August 2012, Nam filed a new lawsuit against Quichocho and Atalig for allegedly deceiving him in settling his previous lawsuit by promising to pay

him \$228,000 within 160 days. Nam said the two paid him only \$16,800. The parties then reached a second settlement agreement and the matter was dismissed.

In Nam's application for writ of execution, Nutting said the second settlement deal provided that the court would retain juris-

diction to enforce the terms of the settlement agreement. Nutting said the defendants failed to make a single payment.

Nutting asked the court to order the sale of three real properties (Ladder Beach) that the defendants mortgaged to secure the payment of the sums due under the settlement.

US military to reduce land footprint in Guam

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—U.S. defense officials say they plan to keep their pledge to reduce the military's land footprint in Guam even as it shifts about 5,000 people to the territory.

Pacific Daily News reported Wednesday that Department of

Defense Undersecretary Robert Work reiterated the promise during a visit to the island.

Work says recently revised plans shift family housing to Andersen Air Force Base for about 1,300 military dependents, rather than develop about 400 acres of forested area.

He says the change saves the military money because renovated homes can use existing infrastructure.

The United States plan to shift about 5,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam. More than one-fourth of Guam's land is under military control.

Fraud trial begins for Guam govt employee

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Several public works employees in Guam claimed inflated and false overtime as part of a scheme to collect extra pay, federal prosecutors said.

The Pacific Daily News reported Tuesday that three territorial government employees entered plea agreements in the

case, admitting that they knew about the abuses.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marivic David said at the opening of a trial for Ariel Evarola that he was also part of the scheme to defraud federal and local governments.

Evarola was coerced into the scheme by his superiors, his de-

fense lawyer said.

Prosecutors allege the abuse happened in 2006 after certain public works employees were allowed to collect overtime for specific projects. The department's former director testified Tuesday that the eligibility was restricted and the overtime paid out of federal reimbursements.

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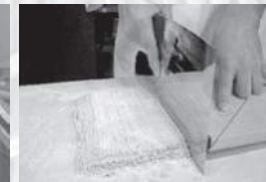
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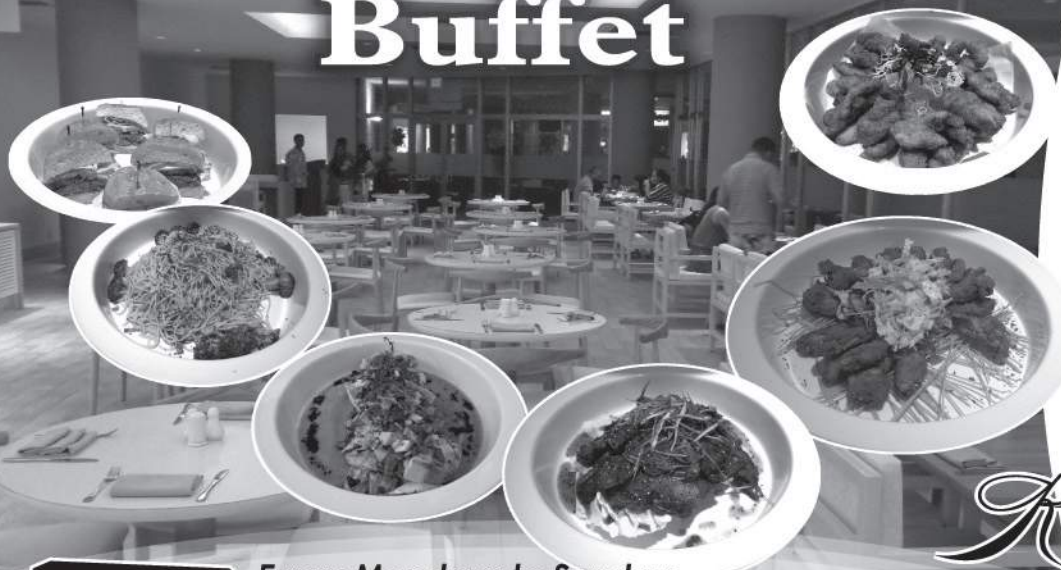
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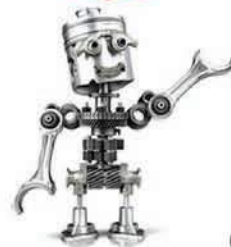
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\$36.6M default judgments vs Millard, his wife set aside

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The federal court has set aside its \$36.6-million default judgments entered in 1994 against business tycoon William H. Millard and his wife in connection with the Commonwealth's income tax lawsuits.

In granting the CNMI government's motion to set aside the default judgments, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Wednesday noted that the Commonwealth and the Millards entered into a settlement agreement and general release "that settled, released, and discharged all claims."

Therefore, Manglona said, the judgments have been satisfied, and what remains is to grant the Commonwealth's motion to vacate the default judgments.

The Office of the Attorney General asked the federal court recently to dismiss the income tax lawsuits filed by the CNMI government in 1993 against the Millards.

Special assistant attorney general James R. Stump also requested the court to vacate the court's default judgments entered in favor of the CNMI.

Stump made the requests after the CNMI and William and Patricia Millard entered into a settlement agree-

ment. He did not disclose the amount that the Millards agreed to pay the CNMI.

The federal court entered on July 1, 1994, default judgments in favor of the Commonwealth and against the

Millards in the lawsuits on an assessed Northern Mariana Territorial Income Tax.

Stump said the parties on May 20, 2014, entered into a settlement agreement that effectively releases and discharges

the Commonwealth's claims against the Millards.

The CNMI government tax claim against the Millards totaled \$118 million. The default judgments found the Millards liable to pay the Commonwealth

\$36.6 million.

The then-Fitial administration tapped the New York-based law firm Kobre & Kim to pursue the Commonwealth's tax claim. The law firm tracked William Millard on Grand Cay-

man Island in the western Caribbean in 2010.

Millard sold his interests in ComputerLand Corp. retail chain for over \$200 million while he and his family were living on Saipan decades ago.

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 holds change of command ceremony

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 held a change of command ceremony at the squadron's hangar aboard Ander-

sen Air Force Base on Aug. 21.

During the ceremony, Cmdr. Gabriel Soltero relieved Cmdr. Gregory Leland as commanding officer of HSC-25.

Since Leland, a native of Marlborough, Mass., assumed command of HSC-25 in November 2013, he has overseen the deployment of three squad-

ron armed helicopter detachments for year-round support to USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) and two other detachments aboard USNS *Charles Drew*

(T-AKE 10) and USNS *Washington Chambers* (T-AKE 11). He also oversaw the 24-hour search-and-rescue and medevac alert for the Northern Mariana Islands, resulting in five SARs, 16 medevacs and 34 lives saved.

Leland's next assignment is at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Soltero, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, assumed command of HSC-25 after attending the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he earned a master's degree in national security and strategic studies. Before the War College, he served as the commanding officer of HSC-15 at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, Calif.

HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for U.S. 7th Fleet in support of anti-surface warfare, personnel recovery, special operation forces missions and humanitarian assistance.



The Andersen Blue Knights Honor Guard Team posts the colors during the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 change of command ceremony. Cmdr. Gabriel Soltero relieved Cmdr. Gregory Leland as HSC-25's commanding officer.

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MVA begins work on tour guide certification program

Following the enactment of Public Law 18-58, the Marianas Visitors Authority has begun drafting regulations for the certification of tour operators and tour guides, with program implementation anticipated by early next year.

"Setting a standard for tour operators and tour guides is long overdue for our industry, and the MVA welcomes the enactment of Public Law 18-58," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "The regulation of operators and

guides is necessary to ensure the quality of service and care of visitors to the Northern Marianas is at the highest level."

Upon the publication of draft regulations in the public registry, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed program. In addition to the development of regulations, the MVA will need to develop curriculum, testing, and means of enforcement, as well as provide adequate

staffing for the program.

The MVA is reviewing proposed tour guide curriculum drafted several years ago in conjunction with Northern Marianas College. Tenorio said the MVA is also looking at the certification program in Guam and other jurisdictions to help develop the CNMI program.

"Our board of directors realizes the importance of this new responsibility, especially when it

comes to ensuring our visitors are safe, receiving accurate information about our islands, and receiving the full value of a memorable experience when they visit," said Tenorio. "We will be seeking the input of our tourism partners over the next several months as we work to develop a program that will achieve that goal."

Under the new law, MVA now has to regulate the tour industry "through the issuance

of certifications to tour operators and tourist land/sea transport operators attesting to their compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements for engaging in the tour operator and tourist land/sea transport operators business and tour

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San Antonio Middle School parent orientation

Parents orientation schedule for San Antonio Middle School students:

■ Aug. 26 (Tuesday): 6th Grade, 5pm to 6pm

■ Aug. 27 (Wednesday): 7th Grade, 5pm to 6pm

■ Aug. 28 (Thursday): 8th Grade, 5pm to 6pm. (PR)

Student orientation at Oleai Elementary

Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of Oleai Elementary School students that there will be a Student Orientation for school year 2014-2015 for all incoming and continuing students on Thursday, Aug. 28, and Friday, Aug. 29, at 5pm in the school cafeteria.

School year 2014-2015 class schedule will be follows:

■ 7:55am—First Bell for Kinder AM Session and all grades (K-6th)

■ 8:00am—Tardy Bell

■ 11:00am—Kinder AM Session dismissal

■ 11:45am—Kinder PM Session begins

■ 2:30pm—Dismissal for Kinder PM Session and all grades (K-6th)

Also, PTSA will be sponsoring a "Beautify OES Day" on Aug. 30, from 8am to 2pm. Parents, guardians, students, teachers, staff and the community are invited to help to help prepare our school grounds for the new school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend OES activities. (PR)

MIFICPA to host health and fitness event

The celebration of Accountancy Month by the Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs and Accountants continues with health and fitness events on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. Spearheaded by MIFICPA officers Gerry de Guzman, Ed Genobaten, Lei Hicaro, Efren Casamina, and Jun Banadera, MIFICPAs

will gather together to promote healthy living. Taking time out from backbreaking debits and credits, MIFICPAs will start the day with a walkathon at 6:30am from the Kilili Pavilion to the Quartermaster Tank then back. After the walkathon, starting at 8am, there will be vision screening

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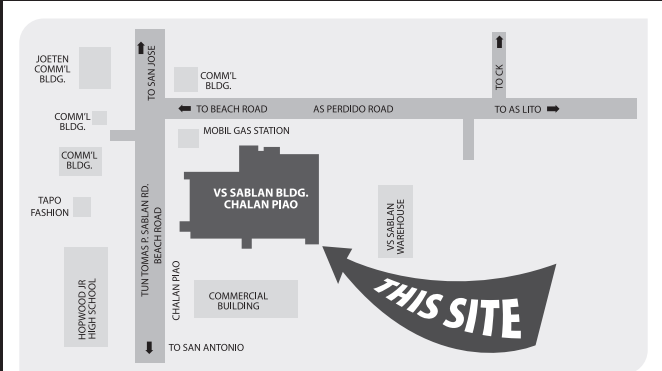
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Destruction of Syrian chemical weapons shows US may know what it's doing after all

Disparate, simultaneous crises around the world have put the Obama administration's foreign policy on trial in recent weeks. The forward march of Islamic State insurgents in Iraq has led to renewed military action in the very country the president so vehemently sought to leave when he took office. In Israel and Gaza, the limitations of American power have been on full display, as Secretary of State John F. Kerry returned from peace talks empty-handed and Israel began a bloody offensive against Hamas militants. In Ukraine, the U.S. has failed to prevent Russian President Vladimir Putin from trying to destabilize the country.

So it was a rare bit of good news to hear from the administration on Monday that the United States had "finished neutralizing" hundreds of tons of the most deadly chemical weapons belonging to the regime of President Bashar Assad of Syria. This was a milestone in the diplomatic process that began a year ago this week when the Assad government was accused of using sarin gas to kill more than 1,000 people in a rebel-held suburb near Damascus. Obama had previously promised that the use of chemical weapons in the country's civil war would constitute a "red line" for the U.S., and would change his "calculus." So when the accusations were leveled—and confirmed—the president was under enormous pressure to punish Syria militarily.

But rather than launch airstrikes, as he had prepared to do, Obama agreed at the last minute to a Russian proposal under which Syria would voluntarily surrender its chemical weapons for destruction. Conservatives assailed the plan as naive and feckless, as a projection of American weakness; Obama's supporters called it a fulfillment of his campaign promise to negotiate with those who were willing to talk in good faith. This page said it would not be easy and would require strict verification, but that "an agreement that would truly put Syria's chemical weapons 'beyond use' would be a preferable alternative to military action."

On Monday, Obama said the destruction of the weapons—including 600 tons of sarin and mustard agents eliminated aboard the Cape Ray, an American military cargo ship in the Mediterranean Sea—"sends a clear message that the use of these abhorrent weapons has consequences."

It would be foolish to declare the mission accomplished. As Kerry himself pointed out, there are still "discrepancies and omissions" to be addressed in the information Syria has provided about its weapons arsenal. Furthermore, Syria still has "production facilities" that must be destroyed. And there is ongoing concern about the use of chlorine gas in opposition-held areas.

But this week's announcement was promising, and we are inclined to reiterate our position that negotiation and diplomacy are a better alternative to what would otherwise have been airstrikes followed by likely civilian deaths and a worrisome creep toward war.

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Canuck Zhinoy Canadian

Bilingual Canadian is the object of public schooling in a place that prides itself as a mosaic of varied colors. Though the signage is only in English and French, the lilt of the Irish and Scot, gruff of the German and Russian, Ukrainian and Finn, and the sing-song of the Hindi, Chinese, and Filipino were spoken by the population I heard cruising among the plaid-shirted, buckled-denim-pants, hat-and-boots crowd of the Calgary Stampede.

Nunavut is actually home to the First Nations, a term that covers a multitude of self-esteem. A grouping names the Woodland First Nations in the dense boreal forest of the northeast; the Iroquoian First Nations that inhabit the southernmost fertile area for corn, beans and squash—cousins to the "Indians" who smoked with the pilgrim's progress in their first thanksgiving dinner after a year of surviving a harsh winter in the Atlantic coast; and the Plains First Nations that lived in the grasslands of the prairies, whose maidens warmed up to Scot, Irish, and Welsh fur trappers, rendering them as the forsaken Metis folks (mixed blood) I once worked with in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Then we have the Plateau First Nations that dots the semi-desert arid air south of the high mountains and dense forest in the north; the Pacific Coast First Nations whose fingerprints are left in abundant shellfish and salmon consumed in gigantic red cedar buildings and huge houses; and the First Nations of the Mackenzie and Yukon River Basins that weathers the harsh environment of swampy muskeg terrain, barren land, and dark forest.

Like the rest of the aborigines and indigenes elsewhere, if they had not yet been decimated by the genocidal policies of Indo-Aryan's racial superiority, they are relegated to providing native costumes to local fests, at best the recipients of well-intended dole and at worst the victims of deliberate oppression, sad in either case.

Our playful title of the Canuck Zhinoy Canadian encompasses the Canadian (Canuck used by Canadians though used pejoratively in the U.S.), the Zhinoy (am coining the new word in lieu of the pejorative "Chinoy") workers that now do the manual labor in eateries and retail fronts in shops, and the Celt-Anglo-Teutonic of the ranch farms and the coat-and-tie Canadians that dominates the country's political stables, all visible in Spadina, Toronto any given day.

I identify with the growing Zhinoy (like Champinolinians for Chamorro, Pilipino and Carolinian mix), a clear Sino-Indo-Malay blend now in worldwide diaspora. One of my children who added Celt-Anglo-Teutonic shades to her genetic mix had a banner flying at her university declaring: "Mongrels of the world, unite!" This is different from her Metis brothers and sisters whose self-deprecating story was ingrained by the ambivalent non-treaty category they endured when the purist perspective of

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Canadian dispensation thought them dispensable as the elk and the uranium.

I was in Sichuan in southwest China not too long ago, in the Zang region (Xizang is the local name of Tibet in the Himalayas, xi = west, Zang = a Himalayan ethnic group) of Kangding in the Garze Autonomous Region where I saw how the Chinese government bolsters the self-image of its minority groups, imbuing pride to those who appropriate the "affirmative" action of the central government's policy on minorities. I visited Liuliude Park where the native Kangding Love Song (liuliude) was the theme but like many affirmative actions in other places, responsibility is on those who take advantage of opportunities offered rather than on those who wait to be spoon-fed by guardians and powers-that-be.

Barack Hussein Obama broke through a glass ceiling. I hope he can stay away from the trigger-happy nutcases that proliferate America's armed handgun closets (numbers for the top three: of every 100 folks, there are 86 handguns in the U.S., 55 in Yemen, and 46 in Switzerland).

I started this reflection on Canada's celebration of its mosaic character, one I dearly appreciated when I lived in Saskatchewan where one daughter acquired a Canadian passport (later exchanged for a U.S. blue simply on the dictate of travel convenience), and another daughter born in Alberta who appropriates her mongrel lineage among the aloha waves of Polynesia.

I was in Calgary on Canada Day 2014, when it went into its annual introspection: "What does Canada mean to me?" It is a question that every political entity can ask of its adherents. It is the question that stands in between the personal "Who am I? or Who do I say I am?", to the all-encompassing question of the earthrise, "Where is home?", where belonging to one planet is an illuminating reality that now receives widespread allegiance. Asking all three leaves the middle, usually the domain of jingoistic responses, an intentional communal life between the experience of one's uniqueness, and the demand of nothing less than be human on earth.

I, too, am proud to be a mosaic. Thank you, Canucks.

Word of the day: mugwort

As you know, I ain't no scholar. I've kept my book learning to an absolute minimum. Thanks to my chronic truancy, life is a never-ending Easter egg hunt, where little details that would bore broader minds are enough to keep me merrily engaged for hours. So here's a thought I'll share with you today: mugwort.

Yeah, that's right, I said mugwort.

This might be only time in your natural-born life that you read an article on mugwort. But as for me, well, I keep crossing paths with it. And that's quite a long path, by the way, which stretches from my beach chair all the way back to some misty lore of the ancient East.

This thing got started a few years ago when I was trying to fashion a Chinese name for myself, which was one requirement of a class I was taking. In an attempt to mimic my American name phonetically, one component of my early attempts at a Chinese name translated as "mugwort."

I had no idea what mugwort is. But it didn't ring sweetly in my ear. It sounded like an unsightly lump that might grow on your face or something. No, thanks. I scrapped that name and went back to the drawing board.

So the mugwort trail went cold. But it didn't stay cold forever, and I crossed it again when following another exotic mystery.

Here's how that little caper got rolling: I was sitting in my beach chair with my crayons, practicing writing the Chinese characters for "acupuncture." That's a two-character word in Chinese. The first character is, logically enough, "needle." But the second part is mysterious: It means "moxibustion."

Moxi-what?

Infrastructure deficit!

Should have joined the choir celebrate the issuance of the first casino license and transfer of \$30 million to pay back the unconstitutional cut of 25 percent from retirees' pension. Well, I picked two young coconuts to rehydrate as two prominent issues danced in and out of my mind:

The huge infrastructure deficit (land, water, power, sewer and roads) to aid the construction of nearly 3,000 hotel rooms. *No appropriations!*

The ironic closure of more casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from 12 down to four. *You wonder if the guys ever read materials on industry trend?*

The revenue decline included help from the state treasury of some \$261 million and the impending unemployment issues of some 32,000 employees.

"The mistake in Atlantic City is we put all of our eggs in one basket," state Senate President Stephen Sweeney said, adding that diversification was beginning decades late and will require a major investment.

The state has long guaranteed Atlantic City a monopoly on gambling within New Jersey's borders, but gambling revenues there have been declining due to increased competition from new casinos in neighboring states and the lingering effects of the financial crisis. The monthly report from the state Division of Gaming Enforcement issued Wednesday shows that the trend is continuing, as July's take declined 7.7 percent year over year.

Pennsylvania, which only legalized casino gambling in the past decade, has replaced New Jersey as the state with the second-largest gambling industry. More casinos have been proposed in New York. Yet revenues have been disappointing across the region. In New Jersey, they have declined by around half from a high of \$5.2 billion in 2006.

Most disappointing for investors has been the performance of the casinos' new online gaming businesses. The prospect of online revenues has kept several casinos open despite declining income.

"A lot of these casinos have been unprofitable for quite some time," said Alex Bumazhny, an analyst at Fitch Ratings.

Casino industry heads south

Boggles the mind that while this industry is headed south we enter into it quizzing "what's north?" Definitely troubling! Have we dumped the term "planning?" I mean, whatever happened to conscientious leadership?

There's definitely a serious anomaly in the way the elected elite has disposed of socio-economic issues stuck in unidirectional dystopian *mañana*. Any conscientious and reasonable citizen would cringe in exasperation how quickly the elected elite plays into the hands of their "new bosses" who definitely aren't "we the people."

Why a policy destined to get killed because of the lack of planning for CIP funds to build water, power, sewer and roads? Or do you wish to blame it on serein, you know, fine rain after sunset without clouds somewhere nearby?

The development of a country anywhere in the world begins with proper emplacement of basic infrastructure. Without water, power, sewer, and roads, what good is the casino industry and all the hoopla of raking in millions? This humongous oversight and setback won't do any of the planned projects any justice in the near term. And

Egads, this is why I avoid looking things up. Whenever I look something up, I just have to look up what's behind the explanation for what I was looking up. It's a never-ending tail chase.

As it turns out, moxibustion is an ancient Asian medical practice. A special powder is burned in order to apply heat to the skin in medically-strategic places. There are various ways of doing this, including actually putting it on the skin for it to burn; using a cigar-shaped arrangement of the powder to transmit the heat to the skin; or burning the powder atop an acupuncture needle and letting the needle transmit the heat to the skin. Moxibustion is still practiced and products for it are still sold. It's often combined with acupuncture.

And this is where we pick up the mugwort trail again. Mugwort is what they make the moxibustion powder from. So mugwort is a good thing, or at least a thing that does good things.

Hey, that's not such a bad concept to base a name on. Maybe I should have stuck with it as part of my Chinese name.

This pretty much closes the chapter on the little mugwort caper, but as for acupuncture itself, it's enjoying more attention in the West. For example, it is provided at some Veterans Administration hospitals. Some health insurance plans now cover it. And the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, regarded as the world's top cancer hospital, also offers acupuncture; as far as I know they don't use it as a treatment for cancer itself, but they use it to treat related issues such as fatigue and pain.

So acupuncture is not some quaint relic of traditional Chinese medicine. It is, by contrast, being used in the most modern of settings. However, I think that modern settings, at least in the West, often use heat lamps instead of actual moxibustion when they want

we're only talking infrastructure not the more challenging supra-structure.

New Jersey casinos are shutting down due to nearby competition. How would we fare against Macau, Seoul, Manila, Singapore, and in two years, Japan? There's that strange feeling we'd dovetail *You Are My Sunshine* with *Red Sails In The Sunset*. Isn't this an issue to contend with in the near term? *Dalai `ste na diskuidu! Sussss!*

Impending brownouts

The new projects require lots of power, water, a new sewer and road systems. While the new requirements emerge the Saipan power plant is in "critical state." It means an increase in the number of power outages, the creation of unnecessary expenses, dangerous risks, hardship for power consumers, and a critical impact on Saipan's economic growth, according to CUC's Power Division manager Gary Camacho.

"It is very difficult for our community that our power is unreliable, not knowing when you're going to have power, and even nowadays the weather doesn't have to be bad to have power outages," Camacho said. He added that CUC's primary lines are severely dilapidated, affecting the power distribution in 26 villages on Saipan. Do you add load to the grid when the suspect system slowly breaks down? Federal review is most urgent at this juncture!

What if a major storm hits? How long would we live without power? Will it be three to six months? Why the persistent passing of layers of hardship to the multitude as a direct result of the lack of conscientious leadership?

Suspect retirement plan

Politicians have just driven the "settlement fund" into the ditch. Sur-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We get this \$ and they get that \$\$\$ from the casino

I'm sure even a first grader can tell from this title that the CNMI is only going to get a very small amount compared to Best Sunshine from the casino deal. Investors spend money to make money but the disparity in the sharing of the wealth in this casino deal is absolutely ridiculous. Best Sunshine has the potential to walk away with over \$100 billion if they average \$250 million a year and truly perform like they are supposed to over a 40-year period. But if you add up our share of only \$15 million a year for 40 years it is only \$600 million, not even \$1 billion and may walk away with 99 billion or more! The funny but sad part is the whole casino operation could also fall apart and we end up wasting time and money on building

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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to warm things up.

Acupuncture was merely a linguistic matter to me until a surgeon of my acquaintance told me, as just one of those random things to talk about, that she gets acupuncture treatments. She is one of the smartest and shrewdest people I know. Her endorsement of the technique settles the matter of its efficacy in my mind. But I'm not trying to influence anyone else on the gig; I just wanted to point out that it's certainly a relevant topic these days, and, getting back to the language aspect of things, it's a word you're likely to encounter in the west Pacific and beyond.

It's certainly a very common word in Chinese script, you'll see it all over the place in Chinese business districts and their signs.

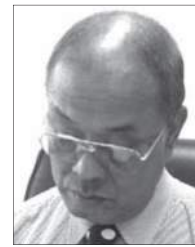
So that's the story, or part of it, anyway, of mugwort, moxibustion, and acupuncture.

Now that we've wrapped that up, I'm awaiting the next conceptual Easter egg that will keep me entertained. After all, I've got my beach chair and I've got my crayons, so life is just one adventure after another.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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prisingly, Rep. Mariano Taitano would offer a new one for current government workers. Let's start by you fixing the current program first, sayu? The history of your performance leaves much to be desired. I seriously doubt that your pipe dream could be a "cash balance" program.

Go ahead and join Parks and Recs in its cleanup project. You bankrupted the Fund, CHC, CUC, PSS, NMC and every other C. Did you forget we could read and comprehend our materials too without buying into your inverted logic? Anyway, the recent proposal is good fodder for when beer begins to run out at a barbecue. Oh, add "biba" to lace it up, you know, one final journey into the sunset.

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I walked up a cliff that meets huge virulent and merciless waves from the deep blue. Behind me are the rolling hills of the island or history; straight-ahead is the vast expanse of the future. It was a difficult tug o' war with the moment. It felt like a defeated warrior attending to serious wounds. Would I survive or turn statistics? Just as I turn to leave, I was reminded of an adage, "Today is the future!" What's ours? Troubling, isn't it?

infrastructure for nothing and we have a lot of empty hotels and vacant property to prove it.

This fact should make my "Slavery of God's CNMI people" letter even clearer if you read it because this example or picture should truly help people to see even better how we got screwed and why Best Sunshine didn't mind gambling with the \$30 million up front and the \$10 million for our utility bills with a potential \$100 billion at stake. If this didn't get your attention and make you think, then you might want to have your cognitive processing checked because this is elementary economics.

So to keep it simple, I will stop with this single mathematical fact of financial disparity in our share with the casino for voters to think about. I would like to believe you really have to be just a family member or party loyal to vote for any of those who made this 40-year one-sided deal without your permission. The revenue sharing and the 40 years are the two main reasons it should have gone to the people for a vote because I know voters don't like this sharing plan. It does not matter that you got your 25 percent pension because the future is obviously not guaranteed and we will be slaves to the casino while being royally screwed for the next 40 years, so think about it.






Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼80
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼81
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼81
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80

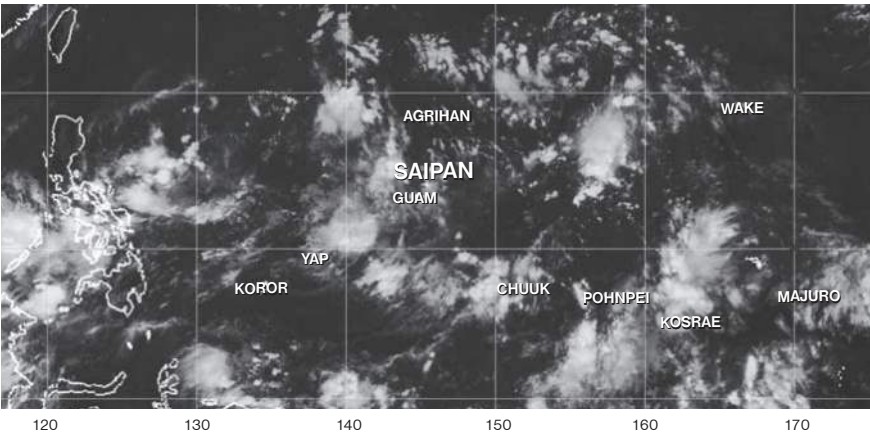
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲56 ▼43
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼78
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85 ▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲67 ▼51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼79
New York	Showers	▲78 ▼66
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼74
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼48
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼71
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼68
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼56
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲66 ▼56
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼64
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼76
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼71

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
5:34 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
12:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet	
7:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends north-northeastward from 12N130E to 23N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found northwest of Koror and Yap between 11N and 19N from 130E to 134E. Another surface trough curves eastward from 12N143E through a weak circulation centered at 12N151E to end at 13N162E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present across the Marianas within 125 miles of a line from 15N141E to 10N149E and also north of Pohnpei between 11N and 16N from 157E to 163E. A weak circulation is centered near 12N155E. A trough extends westward to end near 12N135E. A second trough extends southwestward from the circulation to end near 2N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the circulation westward with the first trough from southeast of Guam to west of the CNMI within 130 miles of a line from 10N151E to 8N143E to 11N139E to 14N141E. Similar conditions are present near Chuuk southwestward to near the equator within 100 miles of a line from 7N152E to 1N146E to 1N141E. A trough extends northeastward from near 1N161E through a weak circulation centered west of Kwajalein near 9N166E to end near 14N172E. The trough and circulation are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Kosrae within 170 miles of a line from EQ161E to 5N165E to 11N165E. Low-level convergence to the east of this system is igniting scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Marshall Islands within 110 miles of a line from 6N168E to 8N172E to 8N178E. An upper-level low is centered southeast of Minami Tori Shima near 20N159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring west of Wake Island between 16N and 24N from 158E to 166E. A series of weak troughs are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from south of Iwo Jima to south of Minami Tori Shima the northern CNMI to west of Wake Island within 90 miles of a line from 20N137E to 23N150E to 22N155E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:06 AM	4:08 PM
Saturday	3:55 AM	4:51 PM
Sunday	4:43 AM	5:32 PM
Monday	5:31 AM	6:12 PM
Tuesday	5:31 AM	6:12 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
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DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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				UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The dumbing down effect the CNMI has on people

When I came back “home” four months ago I had high hopes that the people had grown and matured and took their CNMI seriously. What confronted me was overt racism, bigotry, and a sense of hopelessness. This, I found out, can be attributed directly to the same tired, old farts that were running things when I lived through the Teno years here. Social strife, economic deprivation and prejudices got worse, much worse in the intervening 25 years. One-half the population—the half with 98 percent of the drive, brains, and determination—moved on to greener pastures, leaving the other half, with no zeal, curiosity or creativity, in control. It shows.

PSS has to share the blame for all the brain-dead Chamorro and Carolinian citizens of the CNMI, your “old, outdated traditions” the other. The last one that has to take part of the blame is, there are thousands of religious nut jobs here stupefying their kids’ minds with really weird beliefs. These kids go to church and prayer meetings at least 12 hours a week and have to spend another 14 hours a week in Bible study in their homes. The next Albert Einstein might be huddled over that Bible but no one will ever know it. What is really pitiful is that these parents subject their kids to 26 hours a week of this drivel, and I say drivel because it teaches them only that Jesus is coming tonight or tomorrow morning and to obey, obey, obey. Don’t think, just obey. That’s child abuse of the worst kind. If these “parents” spent as much time letting their kids learn something that will help them in real life I would cut them some slack but, parents, you are just plain old brainwashing your kids. Shame on you.

I’m following all your relatives and moving to Ala Moana beach on Wednesday. To all you that are stuck here, or genuinely love the CNMI, and all its citizens, not just Chamorros, I bid adieu. I haven’t met a single person in four months that does, but that doesn’t mean there isn’t at least one here. To you 600-plus students that I personally talked to, you 600 that aren’t curious about anything, have no creativity, no dreams or aspirations, except to “get the f**k out of here,” I wish you well. If all of you would YouTube “classrooms” in your grade level, you 600 could force real change in the 1950’s curricu-

lum you are stuck with. The 20 that told me later that they had, sorry, you just aren’t enough to effect change. I should probably apologize now to the four people that can carry on a conversation for more than 30 seconds, since you are actually staying here in the good old CNMI.

To the other 50,000 that have absolutely no control over your destiny, Chamorros and all other islanders, Asians, Filipinos, haoles and all others, this election is about the future of the CNMI as a “functioning democracy” or a “racists and hypocritical society.” The choice is clear to any “thinking” person. Unfortunately there are only 50 people that think, and they are the same 50 that have all the money and have controlled everything since 1978, so you’re f**ked. As my hero, Ava Peron, said in her movie, don’t cry for me CNMI. Just think, the CNMI had an Ava Peron once and you ran her out. Shame on you CNMI women for letting that happen.

Ala Moana beach calls and I must go. The reason I’m going is because in Honolulu, everyone is equal and it’s a good feeling. Here, you have 20 percent of the population, devoid of humanity, morality, integrity, compassion, ethics, character, empathy or any sense of dignity, but with all the rights of the good old U.S. of A., lording it over the other 80 percent who have absolutely no more rights than Jews had in Nazi Germany. Since most of you think that’s just fine, that makes all of you some very sick puppies. Not speaking out against your fellow man’s inhumanity to others is just as bad as perpetrating it yourselves. Shame on you. Thanks for the memories CNMI.

DPL says 3,000 on list for homesteads, here is a solution

Take back all homesteads that are not being lived on by the homesteader. Should be real easy to check. In Kagman, there are a hundred or so empty lots, the old 1,000 sqm lots. Cut them in half. Then repossess all the “rented” lots. Repossess the lots with shacks, not real houses, which are over two years old. You will probably have 1,000 new lots to give out to qualified people. Do that in Koblerville and Garapan, and you just might have enough lots for everyone. I know several of the infamous

50 have more than one lot in Kagman and they are renting them out. Isn’t renting out homestead and keeping homestead lots for over two years without building on them against the law? You need to be careful, though, you will run into more than a few relatives breaking the law. Those caught renting out their lots should be sued and be forced to reimburse the CNMI for all the rent they ever received.

I see some smiling faces on billboards I used to see in Mabini

Riding around on my bike, I see about a hundred smiling faces of people I’ve never met, looking down from “please vote for me” signs. A couple of the older guys kinda look

familiar and I think I know why. I lived in Mabini from ’91 to ’96. Mabini had over 400 clubs and bars along a four-block stretch of Mabini and Del Pilar streets. It was the sex capital of the Philippines until Mayor Lim closed it down in ’95. During the time I lived in the middle of it, I saw guys from all over the world, thousands of them every night and day, many of them from Saipan. These were mainly government officials, “on official business” of course. Department heads, Legislature members, a governor or ex-governor or two and government consultants were there in force. I’d sometimes see the same guys twice a month, all on some kind of per diem, throwing

\$100 bills around like I did \$1 bills. Those direct Continental flights sure were convenient. Quite a few haole lawyers were there also.

The point of this is that you voters are just as uninformed and stupid now as you were over 20 years ago when your “government officials” spent \$2 million or more of your money on wine, women, and song. Get smart this election. Twenty of you, under 40, running for the House need to band together and make a statement to the voters about what you will promise to do, if a majority of you are elected. If any 20 of you young people have any sense of community or responsibility, or ethics, if you even know what that means, you will do it. Then

support one of the independents. Grow some balls, guys. Time to really put all the U.S. citizens of the CNMI first, not just Chamorros, or at least the half that haven’t moved on to greener pastures. Get informed voters.

Speaking of travel, do you know how much PSS spent on useless travel last year? You will be unpleasantly surprised. Almost all of those trips could have been done on Skype or Google+. It could have paid for a majority of all CNMI medical referrals. Think about that. People are sick and dying while your government officials run off on non-essential trips. Think about that.

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Govt's \$32M budget proposal for PSS is 2nd lowest in 12 years

With a weak economy and declining revenue, adequately funding Saipan, Tinian, and Rota public elementary, middle, and high schools has become a challenge.

Reversing the local funding trend for Public School System has been a challenge for the last 11 years now, when government revenue sources for appropriation continue to slip.

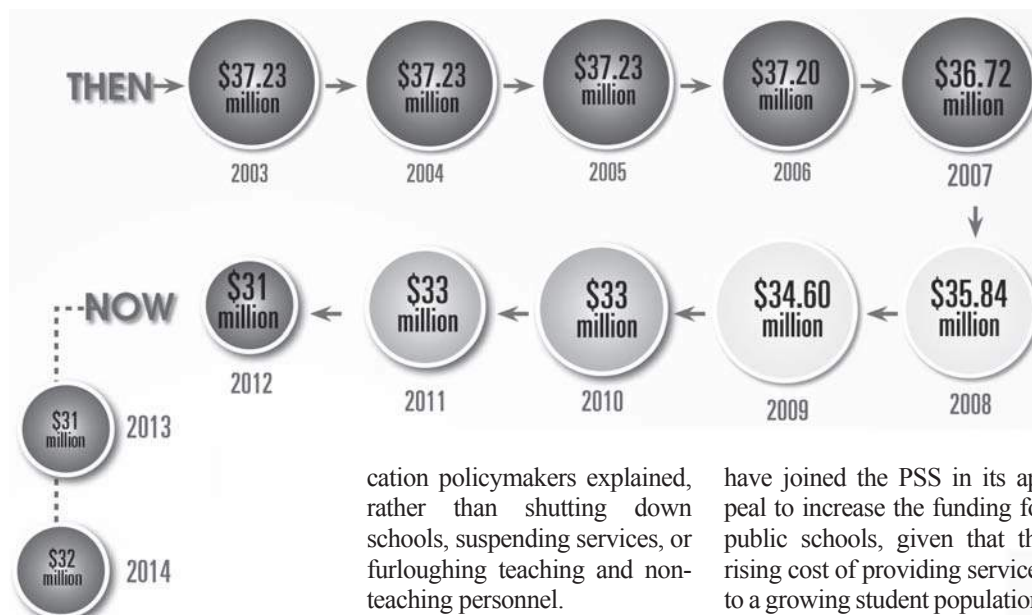
It is important, education leaders and advocates contend, that public education's funding floor is elevated to ensure budget levels do not go below what is needed to effectively and efficiently operate all public schools today.

House Legislative Initiative 18-12, which will be voted on Nov. 4, proposes to increase the 29-year-old constitutional funding ceiling of PSS from 10 percent to 25 percent, of government revenue sources for appropriation.

With the opening of the new school year, fiscal 2015 for PSS will be an uphill battle: at \$32,279,996 as proposed by the government, it will essentially be a status quo for the school district in maintaining its current operational activities.

The proposed new fiscal year budget is an increase only of \$89,532 from the current appropriation of \$32,190,464.

"Despite this slight increase, PSS will essentially have to main-



tain operational activities as it is doing so today," PSS finance and budget office declared.

The proposed fiscal year 2015 \$32.279 million budget is the second lowest earmarking in the last 11 years or since fiscal year 2013 when government revenue sources for appropriation, among others to PSS, began to dip.

The lowest was in fiscal year 2012. At \$31 million then, it resulted in cramped classrooms due to burgeoning teacher-student ratio, double sessions and multi-age classes, and rationing of air-conditioning use in classrooms, cafeterias, libraries, and offices.

These were implemented for economic reasons, public edu-

cation policymakers explained, rather than shutting down schools, suspending services, or furloughing teaching and non-teaching personnel.

On Sept. 2, all 19 public schools and 10 Head Start centers are opening their doors to returning and incoming students. As of Aug. 14, ongoing enrollment and registration on all public schools have surpassed the 10,200 mark.

With still nearly two weeks into the opening, it expected to breach last year's enrollment number of 10,300-plus. PSS is expecting the enrollment for school year 2014-2015 could become all-time high in a decade.

And to top this coming school year, three new middle schools will open their campuses to students in grades 6, 7, and 8

Unfortunate

Public education advocates

have joined the PSS in its appeal to increase the funding for public schools, given that the rising cost of providing services to a growing student population, maintaining services and facilities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, salaries and benefits of its employees, and the cost of utilities.

The Inos administration transmitted to the Legislature a \$134 million total government spending plan proposal that highlights "a \$10.9 million or 8.9 percent increase" from the current fiscal year 2014 budget.

Even with the revenue increase identified by the central government, funding support is not enough to meet the growing needs of public education, one of the four critical and essential government services.

"This is unfortunate as there was quite a significant increase to the CNMI revenue projection," PSS finance office added.

Given this, PSS will continue to closely monitor personnel expenses.

However, one critical move for PSS is the possibility of not being able to fill needed critical positions. These include highly qualified classroom teachers, which will contribute to class size reduction.

After budgeting for utilities and possible increases of use, due to growing class sizes and enrollment this school year, PSS' budget for operation will be "very limited again," PSS finance warned.

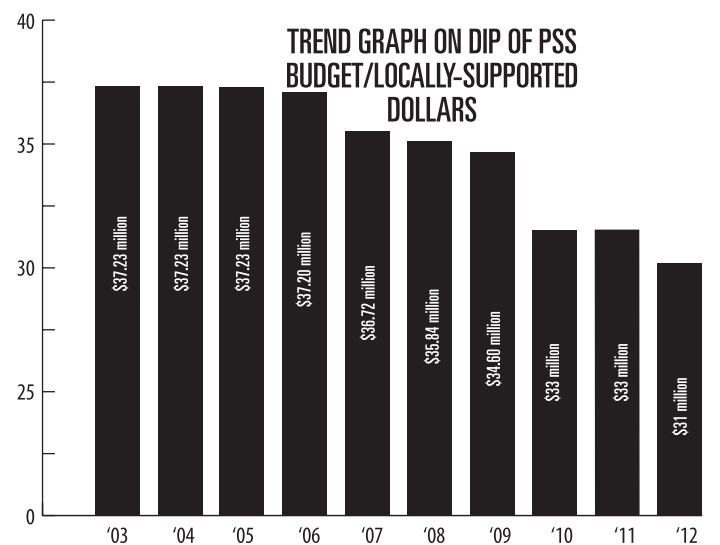
On the other hand, the proposed Senate version of \$34.872 million will provide additional funding that can be directed to personnel cost and for all 19 public schools and 10 Head Start Centers operations cost.

The Senate's budget version for PSS is a revision of the governor's budget proposal that was transmitted to the lower house. This gives the school district a little wiggle room.

"It is not the desired \$40 million but it is a better proposal than the current [original] version," PSS pointed out.

It is likely that both legislative chambers will create a joint budget committee to address the budgetary amendments before reaching a compromise.

In fiscal year 2003, funding for PSS was at \$37.23 million and this figure continued on until fiscal year 2006. By fiscal 2007 it slightly dropped to \$36.7 million, and further slipped to \$34.5M in fiscal 2008, until it nosedived to \$31 million in 2012. (PSS)



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FinCEN bars casino official from the financial industry

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, has reached an agreement with George Que, the former VIP Services Manager at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino in the Northern Mariana Islands, to permanently bar him from working in financial institutions as a result of his willful violations of the Bank Secrecy Act.

Bridge Capital LLC becomes Green Gala sponsor

Soon after signing up as an Adopt-a-Bin sponsor, and further underscoring their commitment to conservation efforts, Bridge Capital LLC recently donated \$1,000 to the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. The donation by the international investment banking and asset management firm was made as part of MINA's annual fundraising event, the Green Gala, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

"We really appreciate Bridge Capital LLC's contribution to this year's Green Gala," said Brooke Nevitt, MINA interim executive director. "Coming so quickly on the heels of their Adopt-a-Bin sponsorship, Bridge Capital clearly supports environmental conservation efforts in CNMI."

The leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth, MINA has successfully implemented many projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention program, and the Tasi Watch Project. The organization is supported by project grants and from generous contributions from local businesses and community members.

In order to continue its efforts to preserve and protect the CNMI's fragile environment and biodiversity, MINA is seeking the community's participation in the Green Gala event. In addition to lively entertainment, dinner and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promise a memorable evening.

Last year's Green Gala was sold out, so organizers are encouraging those who plan to attend to buy their tickets early. Tickets for the Green Gala event can be purchased at the MINA Office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer Board members.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Sponsor categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Nevitt at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. (MINA)

Que also agreed to a civil monetary penalty for these violations.

For at least a year, Que helped high-end gamblers avoid detection of large cash transactions by agreeing not to file either Currency Transaction Reports, CTRs, or Suspicious Activity Reports, SARs, that were required under the BSA.

During a criminal investigation undercover agents, posing as casino patrons, told Que that they planned to gamble large amounts of money, and expressly requested that the casino not report their gaming transactions. Among other instances, on May 3, 2012, Que

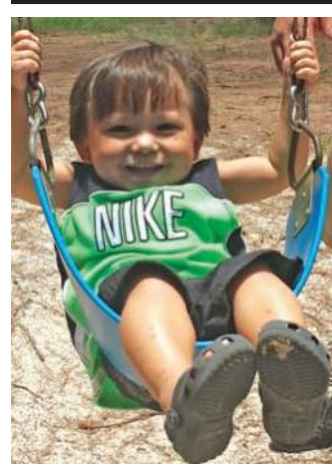
assured an undercover agent, posing as the representative of a Russian businessman, that his client could bring large amounts of currency to the casino and gamble, and that the casino would not file reports.

"There is nothing wrong with a casino being hospitable to its clients," noted FinCEN Director Jennifer Shasky Calvey. "However, there is everything wrong when a casino—or a casino official—facilitates the unlawful activities of these clients, and agrees to look the other way. Today's enforcement action not only stresses the importance of the culture

of compliance, but also ensures that Mr. Que will not have the opportunity to engage in similar misconduct in the future."

Que has admitted that his conduct violated the Bank Secrecy Act. He consented to an undertaking in which he agreed to permanently cease participating, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of any financial institution that is located within the United States or that conducts business within the United States and agreed to the assessment of a \$5,000 civil money penalty.

FinCEN's investigation into the activities of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino is continuing. (FinCEN)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 2nd birthday to Jayce Alepuyo! No matter how many birthdays come and go, you will always be our little boy. We love you son! Love, Mommy, Daddy, and the family.

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Helping communities ensure future of marine resources

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—On the atoll of Pakin, in Federated States of Micronesia, fishing is the main type of work and is a source of food and income through the sale of catches to the neighboring island of Pohnpei, the main island in FSM. Yet fishers have noticed that there are fewer fish and invertebrates than there used to be and that they are smaller in size.

The consequences of overfishing can be seen even on a small isolated coral island because the population's food needs increase as the community grows in num-

ber. Certain very high-added-value species that are exported are now being overfished, and fishers continually expand their fishing grounds.

On small Pacific Islands, the marine environment is gradually being damaged by the impact of activities on land: poorly managed farming or mining leads to erosion, which silts up the lagoons and reefs. Changes in water temperature, brought about by climate change, are also altering marine habitats, reducing their capacity to host fish populations.

Secretariat of the Pacific Community scientists now estimate that even if the reproductive status of coastal resources were restored to a good level, those resources would not be adequate to feed communities in most Pacific countries. Therefore, not only do existing stocks have to be managed properly but currently unused or under-used edible marine species need to be identified and aquaculture has to be further developed.

On Pakin, the community worked with a team of representatives from various govern-



Community consultations in Pakin Island.

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Subsistence fishing in the lagoon of Pakin Atoll.

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ment offices and environmental organizations to formulate a fisheries management plan. And since it is impossible to separate coastal and land issues, the Pakin management plan covers the whole ecosystem in an integrated manner: waste management, controlling coastal fishing and banning certain practices and gear, developing deep-sea fishing and near-shore pelagics, strengthening the island's pearl-oyster farming project and de-

veloping backyard farming and agriculture.

The goal? To ensure sustainable use of coastal resources starting today and for future generations, and to recognize the value of traditional fisheries management and its contribution to food security and community well-being.

The adoption of a management plan by all the official representatives on an island is a big step, and in FSM, Pakin's exam-

ple is already being followed in the other states. Implementation of the measures in the plan will now be monitored to allow its outcomes to be assessed.

SPC's work on Pakin falls under its role of providing technical support to small island countries so they can continue to adapt to difficulties affecting marine resources, helping ensure livelihoods and food security for Pacific communities. (SPC)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-14-005

6-IN DIP WATERLINE ABANDONMENT FOR SAN VICENTE AREA EXTENSION PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the abandonment and installation of waterlines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project consists, in general, of abandonment by cut and cap of existing six (6) inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) water main along Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Rd and the reconnection of any existing service laterals onto near or adjacent service mains. It also includes the installation of a new four (4) inch PVC waterline complete with new flush hydrant, all necessary valves, fittings, service connections, and water meter reconnections, as well as asphalt paving restoration, traffic control, soil erosion control, etc. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **150 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, wire transfer or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set. Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by site visits will be held on **August 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-14-005, 6-in DIP Waterline Abandonment for San Vicente Area Extension Project", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 17, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bid in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 2, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply Division, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to James Benavente, Junior Engineer, CUC Water/Wastewater Division via email address james.benavente@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM

NOTICE OF OWNER SELECTION

Pursuant to Section 19.3.2 I. of NMHC's Section 8 Administrative Plan and 24 CFR § 983.51 (d), this is to notify the public of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's (NMHC) selection of the following owners for its Section 8 Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program:

1. Tasi Homes, LLC; and
2. Tang's Corporation

Furthermore, on August 6, 2014, the NMHC Board of Directors approved 12 PBVs for the Tasi Homes proposed housing development and 10 PBVs for Tang's Corporation development. As such, preliminary award letters have been issued to both companies. Execution of the Agreement of Housing Assistance Payment (AHAP) contract and awarding of a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract is subject to a successful environmental review of both properties and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the mandatory subsidy layering review.

For more information, please contact Mr. Kimo Rosario, Program and Housing Division Manager, at (670) 234-6866 or at phdmanager@nmhc.gov.net during regular business hours.

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Tilapia \$1.19 /LB.	Milk Fish \$1.89 /LB.	Vega Shrimp \$6.99 /LB.	Bar S Jumbo Franks \$1.29	Bar S Bacon \$4.49 16OZ.	Bar S Ham \$19.49 10LBS.	Ground Beef \$13.99 5LBS.	Chamorro Sausage \$4.99
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Onion 69¢ LB.	Potato 99¢ LB.	Garlic 99¢ /PACK	U.S. X-Large Eggs \$2.49
Celo Apple \$1.69 LB.	Orange \$1.29 LB.	Honeydew/Cantaloupe \$1.29 LB.	Banana \$1.29 LB.

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Chicken Leg Qtr	\$4.99	Pork Spareribs	\$6.99
Chicken Nuggets	\$11.99	Pork Butt Steak	\$9.99
Chicken Wings	\$12.99	Beef Ribeye	\$15.99
Turkey Tail	\$6.99	Beef Stew	\$12.99
Mackerel Fish	\$5.99	Beef Shank	\$12.99
Mackerel Pike	\$6.49	Beef Feet	\$4.99
Pork Hock	\$7.99	Beef Shortribs	\$19.99
Pork Adobo	\$9.99	Ox Tail	\$15.99
Pork Bellies	\$11.99	Smoked Ham Steak	\$12.99

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Joy Ultra \$1.49 12.5 OZ. \$6.99 90 OZ.	Purex \$3.99 50 OZ.	Gain Liquid \$5.99 50 OZ. \$9.99 100 OZ.	Gain Powder \$15.99 102 Loads \$18.99 120 Loads	Head & Shoulders All Kinds \$5.49 23OZ. \$7.99	Bounty Paper Towel \$20.99 15 Rolls	Charmin Basic Toilet Paper \$7.99 12 ROLLS \$14.99 24 ROLLS	Foam Plates \$3.29 50 CT \$7.99 125 CT	Charmin Tissue (Regular) \$7.99 24 Rolls
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Business

Why Bank of America deal might not cost it \$17B

WASHINGTON (AP)—How much will Bank of America’s expected \$17 billion mortgage settlement cost the company? The answer is, almost certainly not that much.

In mega-settlements negotiated with the government, a dollar is rarely worth an actual dollar. Inflated figures make sensational headlines for the Justice Department, and \$17 billion would be the largest settlement by far arising from the economic meltdown in which millions of people in the United States lost their homes to foreclosure. But the true cost to companies is often obscured by potential tax deductions and opaque accounting techniques.

The expected Bank of America settlement will resolve allegations that the bank and companies it later bought misrepresented the quality of loans they sold to investors. Most of the problem loans were sold by Merrill Lynch and Countrywide Financial before Bank of America bought them during the 2008 financial crisis. To settle

the government’s claims against the three companies, Bank of America will pay \$9.65 billion in cash and provide consumer relief valued at \$7 billion, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal isn’t scheduled to be announced until Thursday at the earliest.

Bank of America declined comment on any settlement-related topics Wednesday.

Whether cash payments are structured as penalties or legal settlements can determine whether targeted companies can declare them as tax-deductible business expenses. Also, consumer relief is an amorphous cost category: If Bank of America’s deal resembles the department’s previous settlements with JPMorgan and Citigroup, that part could be less costly to the company than the huge figures suggest.

Some of the relief will, in fact, come in the form of cash donated to community organizations or, in Citi’s case, lending money to affordable housing

projects at below-market rates. But much of the relief will come from modifying loans that the banks have already concluded could not be recovered in full. Reducing the principal on troubled loans often just brings the amount that borrowers owe in line with what the banks already know the loan to be worth.

Settlement math also affects the actual cost of the deals, allowing banks to earn a multiple for each dollar spent on certain forms of relief. Under Citi’s deal, for example, each dollar spent on legal aid counselors is worth \$2 in credits, and paper losses on some affordable housing project loans can be credited at as much as four times their actual value.

How much the total package of cash and non-cash borrower aid is worth is impossible for outside observers to say.

“Companies that have reached for these settlements have not taken an explicit charge for it,” said Moshe Orenbuch, a banking stock analyst for Credit Suisse who has debated how to value noncash settlements with clients.

In discussing the deals with analysts, the banks “always say, ‘just remember, there’s the piece that’s cash and the piece that’s not cash.’ In general terms, they’re suggesting that the relief is stuff they’re doing anyway.”

Beyond the bonus credits, the lengthy durations of the deals mean banks can accrue some of the credits they need simply by running business as usual.

Yellen to give her outlook as Fed honeymoon fades

WASHINGTON (AP)—Janet Yellen has won credit for guiding the Federal Reserve’s first six months of transition from the Ben Bernanke era. Bernanke’s Fed had steered the economy through a deep crisis by slashing interest rates and restoring confidence in banks. Yellen has so far carried on his approach with barely a hiccup.

She may one day recall her first six months as a too-brief honeymoon.

The perilous question that now awaits Yellen’s Fed has put investors on nervous alert: Can it manage to raise rates from record lows without weakening the U.S. economy or spooking markets?

Or, conversely, will it wait too long to raise rates, causing the economy to overheat and inflation to surge?

No one knows. Which helps explain the anticipation surrounding Yellen’s speech Friday at the economic conference sponsored every August in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Given that this year’s topic is labor markets, Yellen is sure to spell out her latest assessment of the U.S. job market.

Whatever she says—or, perhaps, doesn’t say—will shape perceptions of when and how aggressively the Fed will raise rates.

Yellen has frequently characterized the job market as weaker than the unemployment rate suggests. She’s noted, for example, that the jobless rate, now a nearly normal 6.2 percent, belies other unhealthy trends: Weak pay growth, a sizable number of part-

timers who want full-time work and high proportions of people who’ve been looking for a job for more than six months or have stopped looking.

Might Yellen describe those trends as chronic problems with no end in sight? Or as likely temporary drags on the job market, destined to fade as the economy further improves? Investors will seek any sign of

Some Fed officials want to slow economic help soon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some Federal Reserve officials think the U.S. economy is improving fast enough that the Fed will need to act sooner than previously thought to slow the extraordinary support it’s been providing through ultra-low interest rates.

Minutes of the Fed’s discussion at its July 29-30 meeting released Wednesday show that some officials thought the Fed would need “to call for a relatively prompt move” to reduce the stimulus it has supplied since the financial crisis erupted in 2008. Otherwise, these officials felt the Fed risked overshooting its targets for unemployment and inflation.

In the end, the Fed made no changes at the July meeting. It approved, 9-1, keeping its current stance on interest rates.

Still, the minutes revealed a sharp and perhaps intensifying debate within the Fed about how and when to scale back its help for a steadily improving economy.

Those who think the Fed should withdraw its support only slowly cited persistent drags on the job market despite solid hiring and a steady drop in the unemployment rate: High levels of people who have been

unemployed for more than six months; many people who are working part time even though they want full-time jobs; and chronically weak pay growth.

In addition, the minutes showed that the Fed debated how to unwind the bond purchases it’s made over the past six years to keep long-term rates low. Decisions such as how and when to start reducing its enormous investment portfolio—amounting to nearly \$4.5 trillion—remain unsettled. The minutes showed that Fed officials expect to have more details on the process to announce before year’s end.

Procurement And Supply
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP14-DCCA/CCDF-141
SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR CCDF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES, A PROJECT UNDER THE DCCA – CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM"

The scope of work for this project will be available on or after August 22, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Child Care Development Fund Office Building No. 1347, Ascension Court in Capitol Hill, Saipan at 10:00 a.m., local time, on September 12, 2014.

Any questions shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Maribel S.D. Loste, Program Administrator via e-mail at ccdf.maribellose@gmail.com or by fax to (670) 664-2547 no later than the close of business, September 17, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

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Secretary of DCCA

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Director, P&S

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**PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, & INSTALLATION
OF A DUPLEX BOOSTER PUMP SYSTEM**

INVITATION FOR BID
CPA-IFB -002-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for the procurement, delivery, & installation of a duplex booster pump system for its ARFF Station.

The bid package is available beginning July 25, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement, Delivery, & Installation of a duplex booster pump system-CPA-IFB-002-14." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 22, 2014, at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport.

Bidders are requested to visit the existing Booster Pump Site at the ARFF Station to familiarize themselves of the required work to be performed by calling Bill Camacho at telephone number 237-6557.

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**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING FACILITIES**

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-15

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting proposals for the Management and Operation of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities for five (5) years.

The Proposal Package and Specifications will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning August 22, 2014.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saipan International Airport Terminal Departure Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All proposers are requested to attend.

All proposals must be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Management and Operations of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities, CPA-RFP-001-15". One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, September 12, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

JUANITA MENDIOLA
Plaintiff,

VS.

SHANGZHE SONG
Defendant

FCD DICA
NO. 14-0192

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT, SHANGZHE SONG, YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint for Divorce, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Offices of Loren A. Sutton, whose address is P.O. Box 5593 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this summons, a judgement of default may be taken against you for the relief prayed in the Complaint.

By order of this Court.

/s/ Clerk of Court
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of the Estates of
MATEO M. TAISACAN and
SABINA M. TAISACAN
Deceased.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 04-0498
and consolidated
case
(C.A. No. 07-0289)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of the Estate of Mateo M. Taisacan and Sabina M. Taisacan in and to the following property: an agricultural homestead situated in Ginalagan, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract no. 22127, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 2066/79 dated December 20, 1984.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 14th day of August, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ., F-0122
Attorney for Administratrix

Nation

Holder says he understands mistrust of police

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Attorney General Eric Holder sought Wednesday to reassure the people of Ferguson about the investigation into Michael Brown's death and said he understands why many black Americans do not trust police,

Slain American journalist remembered as driven

ROCHESTER, N.H. (AP)—In 2011, just after James Foley was released from the Libyan prison where he'd been held for six weeks, he acknowledged the peril journalists face covering the world's most dangerous places, soberly conceding that a mistake could mean death.

"It's pure luck that you didn't get killed there. Pure luck," Foley said during the appearance at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. "And you either need to change your behavior right there or you shouldn't be doing this. Because it's not worth your life. It's not worth seeing your mother, your father, brother and sister bawling and you're worrying about your grandmother dying because you're in prison."

Foley went back overseas, was abducted in Syria in 2012 and was held captive for months before he was slain. Islamic State militants on Tuesday posted a video on the Internet that showed his killing.

His mother said Wednesday the 40-year-old from Rochester came out of the Libyan scrape more driven to tell the story of people oppressed by thuggish regimes. In a kitchen conversa-

tion, Diane Foley tried to steer her son to other pursuits.

"Mom, I found my passion. I found my vocation," she recalled him saying.

Former co-workers saw that intensity. "He was determined to go to Syria, and he wanted to get the point of view of the Syrian people told," said Andrew Mel-drum, assistant Africa editor for The Associated Press, who worked with Foley at GlobalPost in Boston. "He could have continued to work in the safety of Boston. It wasn't like he even made a decision. He was dead set on going there."

It was not always comfortable for his colleagues. "He took you right there, and sometimes we were looking at things and thinking, 'He's too close. He's too close,'" Mel-drum said. "And you wanted to say, 'Pull back,' but it was compelling video. He really found his purpose in life in going out and reporting that story."

Foley was abducted Nov. 22, 2012, and hadn't been heard from since. GlobalPost had spent millions of dollars on efforts to bring him home, CEO Philip Balboni said.

by the fatal shooting of the black 18-year-old by a white officer. The Obama administration intended the trip to underscore its commitment to civil rights in general and the Ferguson case in particular.

The attorney general described how he was stopped twice on the New Jersey Turnpike and accused of speeding. Police searched his car, going through the trunk and looking under the seats.

"I remember how humiliating that was and how angry I was and the impact it had on me," Holder said during a

meeting with about 50 community leaders at the Florissant campus of St. Louis Community College.

Holder also met with federal officials investigating Michael Brown's Aug. 9 death and with Brown's parents.

Once while living in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, Holder was running to catch a movie with his cousin when a squad car rolled up and flashed its lights at the pair. The officer yelled, "Where are you going? Hold it!" Holder recalled.

His cousin "started mouth-

ing off," and Holder urged him to be quiet.

"We negotiate the whole thing, and we walk to our movie. At the time that he stopped me, I was a federal prosecutor. I wasn't a kid," he said.

Holder met briefly with Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson, who has been in charge of security in Ferguson for nearly a week. The National Guard is also helping to keep the peace.

Asked whether he had confidence in the local investigation of the police officer, Johnson said Holder's presence "is

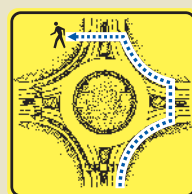
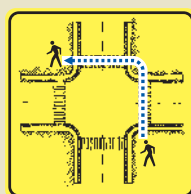
a guarantee on that."

In nearby Clayton, a grand jury began hearing evidence to determine whether the officer, Darren Wilson, should be charged in Brown's death. A spokesman for St. Louis County Prosecutor Bob McCulloch said there was no timeline for the process, but it could take weeks.

Outside the St. Louis County Justice Center, where the grand jury convened, two dozen protesters gathered in a circle for a prayer, chanted and held signs urging McCulloch to step aside.

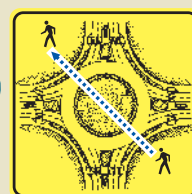
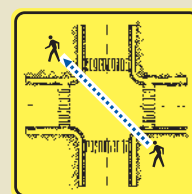
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- Ride a bicycle that fits you and has working parts.
- Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Be visible. Wear bright clothing and reflective materials during the day.
- If you have to ride at night, you must have white headlight in the front and red lights or reflectors on the back of your bike. Reflective material on your clothing, helmet, backpack, is helpful at dusk, dawn, in bad weather or at night.
- Always pay attention to traffic. Never use headphones or talk on cell phone while you bike.
- Avoid dangers in the road.

Follow these rules when driving around bicyclists:

- Obey all signs and signals.
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- Stop, wait, or pass bicycles as you would a car.

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- 🚲 **Bicycles in the roadway are considered vehicles.**
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- 🚲 **Sidewalks were designed for pedestrians. If you bicycle on the sidewalk:**
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 - **Don't bike into Grandma or baby brother in his stroller.**
 - **Follow the rules for pedestrians.**
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 - ➡ Cross the road by walking your bicycle in the crosswalk just like a pedestrian.

GETTING TO SCHOOL SAFELY

🚶 By Walking — Crossing the Street

- 1 Walk to school with a group of kids and always have a responsible adult walk with you.
- 2 Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
- 3 If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
- 4 The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
- 5 If you are 10 years old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself. Ask an adult to tell you who can help you cross the street.
- 6 Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming. Do you know your left from your right? If you do, that's great! If you don't, here is a hint: when you hold your left hand up, your thumb and first finger will make the letter "L," and that stands for "left."
- 7 When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross. But look left-right-left as you do it, and hold the adult's hand.

🚲 By Riding Your Bicycle

- 1 The best and smartest bicycle riders always wear their bicycle helmets! They know that bicycle helmets will keep their heads and brains safe. Are you one of the best and smartest riders?
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- 3 To ride safely, you need to know the rules of the road. Do you know what "the rules of the road" are for bicycles? If you don't, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
- 4 When you ride your bicycle, wearing a helmet helps to keep you safe. You should also wear bright colors during the day, and right before the sun rises or sets. This makes it easier for drivers to see you, and that helps to keep you safe, too.

EVERYONE IS A PEDESTRIAN!

Whenever you are not in your vehicle, you are a pedestrian!



WHEN YOU ARE WALKING



- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
 - Look for cars in all directions — including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and judgment too.



WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING



- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are children present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up — pedestrians can move into your path.



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Asia

2 Americans arrested in Bali under suicide watch

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—An American couple arrested in Indonesia on suspicion of murdering the woman’s mother and stuffing her body into a suitcase at a resort hotel are being held under a suicide watch, their appointed lawyer said Wednesday.

Haposan Sihombing, an Indonesian lawyer assigned to the couple by Bali police, said Heather Mack and her boyfriend, Tommy Schaefer, are refusing to talk to investigators. Their American attorney said this week that Heather Mack is two months pregnant and complained about her treatment in custody.

Sihombing said Mack, 19, is being detained at the Denpasar police station while Schaefer, 21, is being held separately at the provincial police headquarters. Neither has been charged, but Indonesian police say they are investigating it as a possible case of premeditated murder, which carries a maximum sentence of death.

“All materials that can be used for suicide such as ropes, long trousers, and clothes with straps are being kept away from them,” Sihombing said.

The body of Mack’s 62-year-old mother, Sheila von Wiese-Mack, was found last week in-

side a suitcase in the trunk of a taxi in front of an upscale Bali hotel. The couple was arrested the next day at a hotel about 10 kilometers (six miles) away.

The couple told police that von Wiese-Mack was killed by robbers, while they managed to escape. Security camera video showed that the victim earlier had an argument with Schaefer in the first hotel’s lobby.

Von Wiese-Mack’s body was being flown back to the U.S. early Wednesday. An autopsy found she had died of asphyxiation after her nose was broken by a blunt blow.

Sihombing said the two are refusing to talk to investigators until the arrival of their American lawyer, Michael Elkin, who was en route to Indonesia on Wednesday.

“I’ve told them that it’s better to cooperate, because that could be a reason for a lighter punishment,” Sihombing said.



In this Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014 file photo, an Indonesian police officer escorts American Tommy Schaefer, left, as he is brought to the police station for questioning in relation to the death of his girlfriend's mother, in Bali, Indonesia.

PH protests Chinese ‘sovereignty patrols’

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines will file a new diplomatic protest with China complaining about frequent patrols by Chinese ships in the South China Sea, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Monday.

The department’s spokesman, Charles Jose, said the “pattern of illegitimate sovereignty patrols” in the Philippines’ 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone were part of China’s efforts to change the status quo in the South China Sea in violation of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea and a 2002 regional accord that called for an end to tension-producing actions in the disputed waters.

President Benigno Aquino III, in an interview with Manila’s TV5 network aired late Sunday, said the military recently spotted two Chinese “hydrographic ships” in Reed Bank, about 85 nautical miles from western Palawan province, but it was not clear what the maritime survey vessels were doing.

The Reed Bank is a potential-oil and gas rich area. Chinese ships tried to drive away a Philippine exploration vessel there in March 2011. A Philippine general deployed two air force planes, but the Chinese patrol ships had left by the time the aircraft reached the contested area.

Peter Paul Galvez, spokesman for the Philippines’ Department of National Defense, said the presence of the maritime survey vessels were monitored at the Reed Bank in June.

“We are protesting the conduct of sovereignty patrols by Chinese vessels on Recto Bank,” Jose said, using the Philippines’ name for Reed Bank. “The frequent passage of Chinese vessels in Recto Bank is not an innocent exercise of freedom of navigation but is actually done as part of a pattern of illegitimate sovereignty patrols in the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone pursuant to China’s unilateral effort to change the status quo in the South China Sea.”

There was no immediate reaction from the Chinese Embassy.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan army chief wants negotiated end to rally

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan’s powerful army chief called Wednesday for the country’s civilian government to negotiate with thousands of protesters surrounding parliament who demand the prime minister step down over alleged fraud in last year’s election.

Gen. Rasheel Sharif made the request during a meeting with Shahbaz Sharif, the younger brother of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Pakistani officials said. The premier earlier ended up sneaking into parliament through a back exit after the protesters torn down barricades late Tuesday and entered the so-called “Red Zone” housing key government buildings and diplomatic posts. The two Pakistani security officials and a government official who confirmed the meeting took place spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

China tries 5 cult members for murder

BEIJING (AP)—Five people went on trial Thursday for allegedly beating a woman to death in a McDonald’s outlet in eastern China after they unsuccessfully tried to recruit her into their cult, a court said. The five are accused of murder and three of them also face cult-related charges at Yantai Intermediate People’s Court in Shandong province. The court posted photos of what it said were the proceedings. The five allegedly killed the woman on the evening of May 28 in Zhaoyuan city after she refused to give her number to the suspects, who were trying to recruit new members for their cult known as Quannengshen or “All-powerful Spirit.”

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

P.O. BOX 501370

SAIPAN, MP 96950

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Revised August 8, 2013 Special Board

b. April 11, 2014 Special Board

c. April 28, 2014 Special Board

d. June 16, 2014 Special Board

e. July 18, 2014 Special Board

II. Public Comments¹

III. Reports

1. Chair

2. Board Committees

a. CIP

b. FPA

c. ISA

d. LIA

e. SICPP

f. SARC

3. Commissioner of Education

a. Financial Status Reports

i. Federal

ii. Local

b. Updates and progress report

i. Status on FY 2015 Budget

ii. Status of Opening of Schools for SY 2014-2015

iii. Middle Schools

iv. Attendance Districts or School Zones

v. Staffing Patterns

vi. Estimated enrollments for SY 2014-2015

c. Assessment Report SY 2013 - 2014

d. Head Start Program Report

e. Other matters

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

1. Head Start Program Matters:

a. 2013-2014 Program Information Report (PIR)

b. Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Supplemental Grant Application

2. Early Head Start Grant Application

3. Nutrition Assistance Grant for FY2015

4. Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities Grant for San Vicente Elementary School Solar Power Project

5. Proclamation: September 2014 as Heritage Month

6. Proposed Amendments

a. Middle School Promotion Regulation

b. Travel Regulation

c. Procurement Regulation

d. Certification Regulation (Paraprofessionals)

7. Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) for School Attendance Review Committee (SARC)

8. State Board of Education Policies and Regulations

VI. Executive Session²

1. Legal Updates

2. Personnel/Certification

3. Other matters

VII. Administrative Matters

1. Certification and Licensure Matters

a. Recommendation for Issuance of Certification & Licensure

b. Certification Extension

2. Internal Auditor

3. COE Interim Report on Goals 2014 & Presentation of Goals 2015

4. Staff Contract Renewal

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is hereby announcing its intention to submit its Model State Plan for Fiscal Year 2015. In addition to the fourteen (14) assurances which the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are mandated to comply with, and the Program Integrity Assessment in order to receive the grant, we are also required to report on the progress, accomplishments, and problems that we have encountered within the last couple of years of the program. The LIHEAP Program generally provides cooling/utility-power, mini-weatherization and crisis assistance to eligible low-income households.

We are notifying affected individuals, specifically those who are qualified low-income, elderly, and/or disabled, other interested individuals, and the general public who may be interested in participating in the development of this plan to please contact Mr. George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor and Mrs. Gregoria O. Sablan or Mr. Frank Iglecias, the LIHEAP Staff at the DCCA LIHEAP's Office at telephone numbers 664-2568 or 664-2569. For more information and inquiry, please call the said telephone numbers, or visit our Office located at Capitol Hill House#1341.

Community meetings will be conducted on Rota, Tinian and Saipan as scheduled below. Any and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU

I Dipattamentun Asuntun Kumunidá yan Kuttura (DC&CA), Prugráman Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ginin esti ha anununsia i intension-ña na para u rinueba iyun-ñiha Abbreviated State Plan para i Fiscal Year 2013. Kumu ma'áomenta hálum i katotsi (14) gi Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha put para u ma'otdin para i kinimpli ni, yan i Prugráman Integrity Assessment anai siña para u marisibi i saláppi', ya manmadimánda ham lokkui' para u maripot todú i adilántu, kinemplidu yan problema siha ni ma'ekspirensia gi halum i manma'pus na sákkán i prugráma. I LIHEAP na prugráma henerát-mienti ha pribeniya cooling/utility-power, mini-weatherization yan predikamentun asistensia para atyu siha i mangkuálifikáo na familia ni manakpapa' suetudin-ñiha.

En nutisia atyu siha na petsona i maninafefeakta ispesiátmenti para atyu i mangkuálifikáo na man ámkú', yan/maninutit, yan pumalu siha na indibiduát ni manintirisáo, yan i pupbliku henerát kumu manintirisáo manpattisipáo gi manmplánun esti na inadilánta para u ma'ágang si Siñot George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor, yan Siñora Gregoria O. Sablan, Siñot Frank Iglecias, LIHEAP Staff, gi DCCA ufisina gi esti siha na numirun tilifon 664-2568 pat 664-2569.

Para u guaha siha inekkunguk publiku para u fan makundukta giya Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Todú etyu siha man intirisáo na petsona manmasosohyu' para u ma'atiende esti siha na inekkunguk.

ARONGORONGOL TOULAP

Bwulasiyol Lemelemil Sóóbw me Kko (Community me Cultural Affairs - DC&CA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) sángi milleel nge ekki arongaar toulap igha re bwe isiisilong yaar State Plan reel ráágh ye 2015. E pwal aschuuschu ngáli milikkewe seigh me faawu (14) ikka re akkuléew ngáli Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands rel igha e bwe mmwelil bweibwogh selaapi, me kkemalul progróoma, nge e bwal allégh ngáli ghamam bwe ay bwe fféer kkapasal rel meeta kka e ghatch, weires ikka e ghal yoor fitoowuló rágh mwiiir igha bweletá progróoma yeel. Mille LIHEAP nge e ayoora alillis rel apatapat/dengkki, mini weatherization and alillisil rel aweires ngáliir schóó kka e ghi sóssól abwóssuur.

Ay kke arongaar schoo kka re toolong lloal alillis yeel, ikka e ghi sóssól abwóssuur, tuufey/ikka rese bwáng, me ikka re mwuschál fengel me toulap ikka re tipáli bwe re bwe toolong lloal progróoma yeel, bwe reb we ffaingir Sóumwár George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor, me Ilimwár Gregoria O. Sablan me/ngäre Sóumwár Frank Iglecias, LIHEAP Staff reel numurool tilifoon kka 664-2569 ngäre 664-2568 me ngäre tooto llól Bwulasiyo iye elo Capitol Hill house #1341.

E bwe yoor arongorong ngáliir toulap wóól Luuta, Tchúlúyól me Seipél. Aramas ye e tipáli nge re kke tingór ngáliir bwe re bwe tootto llól yéélágh kkal.

/s/ **Laura T. Ogumoro**

Secretary, DCCA

Date: 08/14/14

Venue

Tinian-Tinian Gymnasium

Saipan- Kagman Comm. Ctr.

Rota - Rota Roundhouse

Scheduled Dates

August 18, 2014

August 20, 2014

August 25, 2014

Time

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

World

Beheading spurs new attacks on Islamic militants



“No just God would stand for what they did yesterday, and for what they do every single day,” the president said. The Islamic State militants have promised to eliminate all people they consider heretics in their quest to create an extremist state across much of Iraq and Syria.

“We will be vigilant and we will be relentless,” Obama said, urging unity among Mideast governments in order to evi-

This file photo posted on the website freejamesfoley.org shows journalist James Foley in Aleppo, Syria, in July, 2012.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States launched a new barrage of airstrikes Wednesday against the Islamic State extremist group that beheaded American journalist James Foley and that has seized a swath of territory across Iraq and Syria. President Barack Obama vowed relentless pursuit of the terrorists and the White House revealed that the U.S. had launched a secret rescue mission inside Syria earlier this summer that failed to rescue Foley and other Americans still being held hostage.

In brief but forceful remarks, Obama said the U.S. would “do what we must to protect our people,” but he stopped short of promising to follow the Islamic State in its safe haven within Syria, where officials said Foley had been killed. Later, though, the administration revealed that several dozen special operations troops had been on the ground in Syria briefly in an effort to rescue the hostages, but did not find them.

And looking forward, the State Department refused to rule out future U.S. military operations in Syria, where Obama has long resisted intervening in a three-year civil war.

Western nations agreed to speed help to combat the militants—most notably Germany, which bucked public opposition by announcing it would arm Iraqi Kurdish fighters to battle the Islamic State. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said he was outraged by the beheading, deeming it evidence of a “caliphate of barbarism.” Italy’s defense minister said the country hopes to contribute machine guns, ammunition and anti-tank rockets.

The Islamic State called Foley’s death a revenge killing for U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq, and said other hostages would be slain if the attacks continued. Undeterred, the U.S. conducted 14 additional strikes

after a video of the beheading surfaced, bringing to 84 the number of airstrikes since they began on Aug. 8.

Two U.S. officials said additional American troops—probably less than 300—could be headed to Iraq to provide extra security around Baghdad, where the U.S. Embassy is located. That would bring the total number of American forces in Iraq to well over 1,000, although officials said no final decision had been made. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter by name.

Foley’s mother said she is praying for other hostages being held by the Sunni-dominated terror group, and described her son’s slaying as “just evil.”

Obama agreed.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	CIVIL ACTION
	NO. 02-0408
Plaintiff,	
-v-	SIXTH
	AMENDED
ANGELINA A. MANGLONA,	NOTICE
	OF SALE
Defendant.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 345 R 404, situated in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 dated September 21, 1984, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 84-2049.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 15th day of August, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,	Civil Action
	No. 11-0031
Plaintiff,	
-vs-	NOTICE OF AUCTION
PEDRO C. SABLAN, IGNACIA M. SABLAN and SABLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LTD.,	
Defendants.	

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Victor B. Hocog and Villia M. Hocog in the following described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Improved leased premises known as **Lot No. 345 R 114**, containing an area of 960 square meters, more or less, on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, August 29, 2014, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.
- Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Victor B. Hocog and Villia M. Hocog in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 8th day of August 2014.

/s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marshal
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,	Civil Action
	No. 12-0052
Plaintiff,	
-vs-	AMENDED NOTICE OF AUCTION
PEDRO C. SABLAN, IGNACIA M. SABLAN and SABLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LTD.,	
Defendants.	

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Pedro C. Sablan and Ignacia M. Sablan in the following described, real property situated in San Antonio, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 549-E (part of Lot No. 549) situated in San Antonio Village, Saipan, CNMI, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner, to be designated as Corner 1, having plane coordinates of N 45.817° E 48.617.033 based upon the Mariana Islands District Co-ordinate System of 1966;

Thence N 26° 32' 06" E a distance of 65.00 meters to Corner 2;
Thence S 59° 08' 28" E a distance of 26.133 meters to Corner 3;
Thence S 26° 45' 20" W a distance of 63.130 meters to Corner 4;
Thence N 63° 14' 40" W a distance of 25.816 meters to the place of beginning.

Containing an area of 1,661.79 square meters, more or less, including a semi-concrete house and any other improvements on said property and any appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, August 29, 2014, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 15th day of May, 2014.

/s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marshal
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,	Civil Action
	No. 04-872
Plaintiff,	
-vs-	NOTICE OF AUCTION
ARNOLD I. PALACIOS, RAMON I. PALACIOS, MARIA S. PALACIOS, MARK I. PALACIOS, LARS I. PALACIOS, LAMBERT I. PALACIOS, ALLEN I. PALACIOS, FRANK I. PALACIOS, THOMAS I. PALACIOS, MARIA I. PALACIOS, MARY ANN P. SOTO, EVE I. PALACIOS, OCTAVIUS I. PALACIOS, JOHN I. PALACIOS, and ALEXANDER I. PALACIOS,	
Defendants.	

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Arnold I. Palacios, Ramon I. Palacios, Maria S. Palacios, Mark I. Palacios, Lars I. Palacios, Lambert I. Palacios, Allen I. Palacios, Frank I. Palacios, Thomas I. Palacios, Maria I. Palacios, Mary Ann P. Soto, Eve I. Palacios, Octavius I. Palacios, John I. Palacios, and Alexander I. Palacios in the following described, real property situated in Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot 278-15 located at Denni, Saipan, CM containing an area of 4,928 square meters, more or less, as described on Survey Cadastral Plat Number 2145/86, as recorded at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, as File No. 86-2113, on October 22, 1986; including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

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Dated this 16th day of June 2014.

/s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marshal
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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,	Civil Action
	No. 04-0366 &
Plaintiff,	Civil Action
-vs-	No. 05-0257E
MATILDE V. GUERRERO and THE ESTATE OF LORENZO I. GUERRERO,	
Defendants.	NOTICE OF AUCTION FOR THE BANK OF SAIPAN SHARES

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Matilde V. Guerrero and the Estate of Lorenzo I. Guerrero in the Bank of Saipan (1,623 shares and/or 3,623 shares) will be sold at auction.

Notice is hereby given that the shares to be sold at auction may be sold in accordance with the numbers of shares represented by each individual share certificate, or may be sold in smaller blocks of shares at CDA's discretion.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, August 29, 2014, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.
- Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
 - To withdraw the shares listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such shares is accepted;
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific shares are struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the shares listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned shares will revert to CDA.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- No Warranty.** The interests in the shares are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the shares or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2014.

/s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marshal
CNMI Marshal Service Division

Off The Wall

George W. Bush takes ice bucket challenge

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP)—Former President George W. Bush took the ice bucket challenge then nominated former President Bill Clinton to do it next.

The challenge has caught on with notable figures participating in the campaign to raise money for the fight

against ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease.

In a video posted Wednesday on Bush's Facebook page, he says: "To you all who challenged me, I do not think it's presidential for me to be splashed with ice water, so I'm simply going to write you a check."

The video, taken in Kennebunkport, Maine, then shows a smiling Laura Bush dousing him. She says: "That check is from me—I didn't want to ruin my hairstyle."

Also in Maine this week, author Stephen King took the challenge, and then challenged John Grisham.



In this image from video posted on Facebook, courtesy of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, former President George W. Bush participates in the ice bucket challenge with the help of his wife, Laura Bush, in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Police seek mystery pair in selfies after burglary

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP)—Would burglars be dumb enough to post selfies on their victim's cloud account?

That's what Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators are trying to determine.

Detectives on Wednesday released photos of a man and woman that mysteriously appeared on a Santa Clarita woman's online account days after thieves broke into her home through a window and ransacked the place.

The crooks stole cash and either her cellphone or tablet, Deputy Joshua Dubin said.

The photos, apparently taken with the stolen device, were uploaded to the woman's account after the July 30 break-in, he said. They show a smiling man with short, dark hair, a smiling woman with longer brownish hair, thick painted eyebrows and heavy mascara, and a shot of the two together posing on a pillow.

The victim doesn't know the pair, who are considered "persons of interest," and investigators want to talk to them, Dubin said.

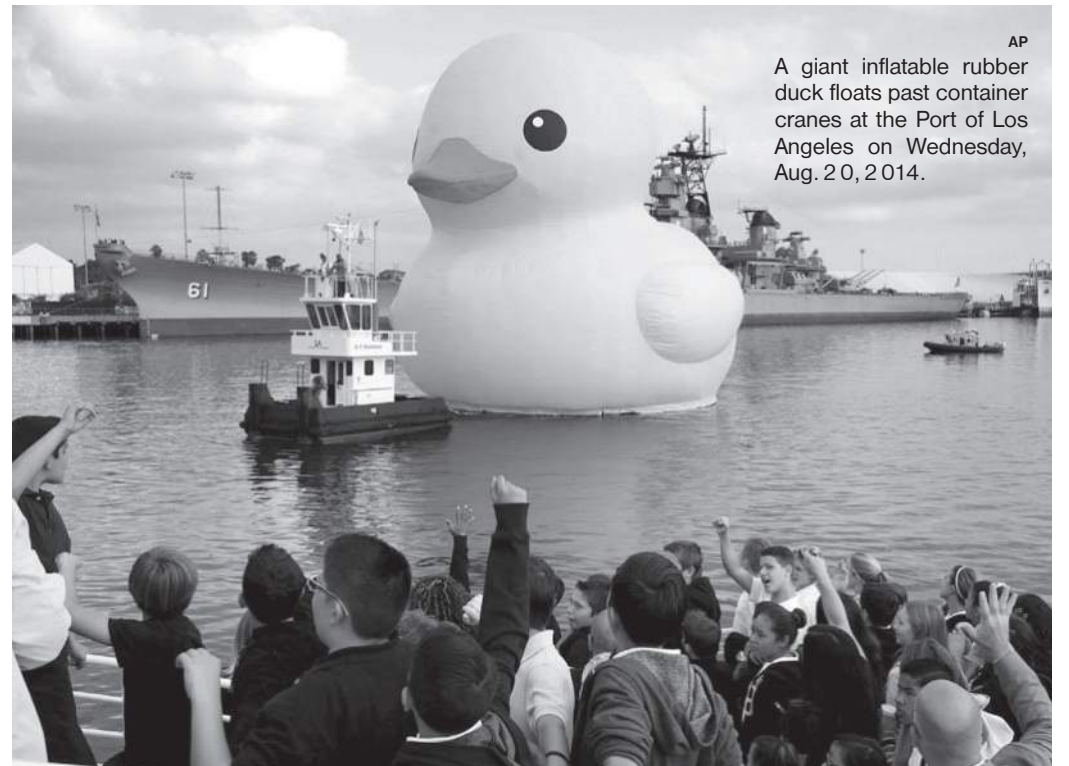
"Did they buy stolen proper-

ty? I don't know. Or are they the residential burglary suspects?" Dubin said. "There needs to be an explanation as to why their selfies are showing up on this person's cloud account."



This undated photo provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department shows two people who appear in 'selfie' portraits found on the cloud account of a Southern California burglary victim.

Los Angeles port welcomes massive rubber duck



A giant inflatable rubber duck floats past container cranes at the Port of Los Angeles on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Port of Los Angeles is welcoming an unusual visitor—the world's biggest bath toy.

A 60-foot-tall rubber duck sailed into port Wednesday to kick off the Tall Ships Festival

LA. It will remain in the harbor through Sunday.

Dutch artist Florentijn (FLOR'-ihn-ty-n) Hofman debuted the duck in 2007 and versions of it have been seen around the world in places in-

cluding China, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

A festival spokesman says the duck is just one of the features of the weeklong event that comes to LA every three years.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

His 101st birthday present? Another day at work

EAST HANOVER, N.J. (AP)—Herman "Hy" Goldman turned 101 this weekend and won't quit after 73 years working at the same New Jersey job. Goldman still shows up four days a week at light fixtures company Capitol Lighting in East Hanover. His co-workers celebrated his birthday with him on Monday. Aside from a brief absence to serve in the U.S. Army in World War II, Goldman has

worked at Capitol Lighting since 1941. The store says he was first hired to sell items and stock and clean the displays. Co-worker Sandy Ronco says Goldman now specializes in rebuilding items that were damaged or unusable. Goldman lives in nearby Whippany and still drives himself to work.

\$21,000 falls off money truck after casino pickup

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Nearly \$21,000 is miss-

ing after the cash fell from the roof of an armored truck that had picked it up from a soon-to-be-closed Atlantic City casino. GardaWorld armored car services picked up the cash at Revel on Aug. 6. An incident report obtained by The Press of Atlantic City says surveillance video showed the bag holding the cash on the rear driver's side roof as the truck left Revel. The bag was still on the roof when the truck pulled away from nearby Resorts Casino Hotel. It's not clear where the bag fell off. GardaWorld

spokesman Joe Gavaghan says the company is investigating and cooperating with law enforcement. Revel will close its hotel on Sept. 1 and its casino on Sept. 2 because of financial problems.

Man shows up for jail in T-shirt with mug shot

MADISON, Maine (AP)—A Maine man who served a 48-hour sentence for drunken driving wore something special for his jail booking photo: a T-shirt featuring his mug shot. Nineteen-year-old

Bobby Burt, of Pittsfield, had the mug shot from his June arrest printed on the orange shirt, along with the words, "Sponsored by Bud Light and Somerset County Sheriff." The mug shot is making the rounds online thanks to The Smoking Gun, which posted it Monday. Sean Maguire, the jail's compliance manager, said there's no policy on what inmates can or cannot wear for booking photos. Burt, who's using the mug shot for his Facebook profile picture, didn't immediately return a

call left at his place of employment Tuesday.

Wanted man rear-ends Washington police detective

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Authorities say a wanted man has been arrested after he rear-ended a Spokane, Washington, detective's car. Police say the man's car crashed into the detective's car Tuesday, and police discovered he was wanted on outstanding arrest warrants related to driving and domestic violence.

Science & Technology

B&N, Samsung unveil reading-focused Nook tablet

By MAE ANDERSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Barnes & Noble and Samsung unveiled a new reading-focused tablet that will replace the bookseller's own Nook tablets.

The 7-inch Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 Nook will sell for \$179, the same entry price of the non-branded Samsung Galaxy Tab 4.

The move had been expected since Barnes & Noble said in June it would team up with

Samsung to release co-branded Nook tablets in August.

For the first time, the Nook will have a camera. The 1.3 megapixel camera on the front is on par with what's on other tablets, but the 3.0 megapixel rear one isn't as sharp.

The Nook offers access to both the Nook app store and Google's Play store for Android apps—the latter unavailable in previous Nook tablets.

The New York company spent years investing in its Nook e-book reader and e-book

library, but they struggled to be profitable. And in December the chain said it was evaluating the future of its tablets. Still it offered a new non-tablet e-book reader during the holiday season.

In an interview, Barnes & Noble CEO Mike Huseby said Nook tablets hadn't done well in the past because they weren't full-featured. This one, he said, has a camera and other features expected in Android tablets, while offering additional ones targeted at readers.

While it's possible to install a

Nook app on most Android tablets, the Nook tablet goes further in offering a home screen with quick links to favorites and recently read books. You can pause reading to check email or Facebook, then hit a book icon on the corner of the home screen to instantly resume your book.

Amazon's Kindle Fire tablets also emphasize reading, along-

side shopping, movies and other Amazon services. They have had more success than Nooks.

Huseby said Barnes & Noble has the advantage of having more than 600 stores where customers can come in to check out the products before buying and return for tutorials and other help.

"Amazon doesn't have

them," he said. "You can call them on the phone or chat online, but they don't have a store in which you can get a human contact and expert bookseller."

B&N has been trying to turn itself around as competition from discount stores and online retailers toughens, and as consumers shift away from traditional books to digital formats.

Pet-friendly dating sites match up people, pooches

LOS ANGELES (AP)—On these dating sites, a passion for pets will help you find more than just puppy love.

Sites like PetsDating.com and YouMustLoveDogsDating.com have found a new niche as singles flock to computers and smartphones to find relationships, connecting dog owners to potential mates who enjoy long walks in the dog park and slobbery canine kisses as much as they do. Many of the sites encourage users to bring their dogs on first dates to break the ice or size up canine chemistry.

Many dating sites cater to religious, cultural and political preferences, but won't focus as heavily on interests like pets, music or travel, said Karen North, a professor of social media at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School

of Journalism.

"If you find somebody with the same lifestyle passion, you don't have to start out at square one," North said.

When Joanie Pelzer signed up with a dog-friendly online dating service a few years ago, she was honest about her Chihuahua—he likes people more than other dogs, craves attention, steals food and can't stand to ride in the backseat of a car.

Even a man who loved animals as much as she did couldn't keep up with her dog's quirks. On their first date, her Chihuahua, Hubbell, stole the man's breakfast as they drove from New York City to Long Island. They only had one more date.

"I still wonder if Hubbell didn't have something to do with that," said Pelzer, 47, an actress who runs her own social

media company and met the man on PetsDating.com.

Despite that setback, having a common interest such as pets can help the search for love.

"Having a theme that is ... about one's passion makes it feel like you are looking for a needle in a smaller and far more relevant and appealing haystack," said Michal Ann Strahilevitz, a professor of marketing at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

The founder of one of the dog-focused dating services, YouMustLoveDogsDating.com, agreed.

"Dogs on first dates are amazing icebreakers," said Kris Rotonda, who started up the site last year that now has 2 million members. "You find out right off the bat how everyone in a relationship will fit in."



AP

A brand ambassador handles a new Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 Nook during the unveiling of the co-branded tablet that will replace B&N's Nook, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, in New York.

TECH Q&A

Firefox slow? Don't blame your PC

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I use the Mozilla Firefox browser on an older desktop PC. Lately I've noticed that the browser has been slowing down when it loads Web pages. Do I need to run a program to clean malicious software from my PC?

A: No, it's a browser problem. Technical issues with Firefox are causing it to lose speed. That's too bad, because for years Firefox was the preferred alternative to Microsoft's Internet Explorer. These days I recommend Google's Chrome browser (download it at tinyurl.com/leg6y44).

There have been many complaints from Firefox users that the browser is slowing down (see tinyurl.com/172155d). While there appear to be several causes, there are two primary ones: Firefox sometimes uses too much of your PC's memory, and it has trouble handling websites that extensively use Adobe's Flash software for animation.

Partly as a result of Firefox's

problems, the Chrome browser has overtaken Firefox as the second-most popular Web browser. Microsoft's Internet Explorer remains No. 1, although that may be partly because it is included with Windows, while the Firefox and Chrome browsers must be downloaded separately. In July, Firefox had about a 15 percent market share, compared to about 20 percent for Chrome and 58 percent for Internet Explorer, according to market research firm Net Applications (see tinyurl.com/n8gmkf2 and click "continue to site").

Q: My daughter recently bought an Asus netbook PC that the previous owner had upgraded from Windows XP to Windows 7 Home Premium. The only problem is that she can't install new Windows 7 updates; she gets the error code 80070490. Microsoft's online support couldn't get the update to work, either, and suggested that she reinstall Windows 7.

What's causing this problem, and is there any way to fix it without reinstalling

Windows?

A: The error message you received means that a Windows file that installs updates is corrupted, which means it must be fixed or replaced.

Fixing the file is preferable to reinstalling Windows because the fix won't affect the data or the programs on your PC. First try Microsoft's automatic reset software for Windows 7 and 8, which can be run from the Microsoft website at tinyurl.com/ls6hhr.

If that doesn't work, you have two options: repair or reinstall, both of which require you to have the Windows 7 installation disk. (Because you're dealing with a netbook, you'd need to use an external DVD drive to run the disk.)

You can try the available repair options, although they don't seem to apply to your problem (see tinyurl.com/qyh-d8g7). If you reinstall Windows 7 using the original disk, you must first save your daughter's data on a flash drive or external hard drive. Then, after reinstalling Windows 7, you'd have to reinstall the PC's programs and restore the data.

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

First Year Death Anniversary In Loving Memory of

†Frank Olopai Tagabuel

We, the family would like to invite all our families, relatives, and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the 1st Year Death Anniversary of the passage of our beloved unto eternal life.

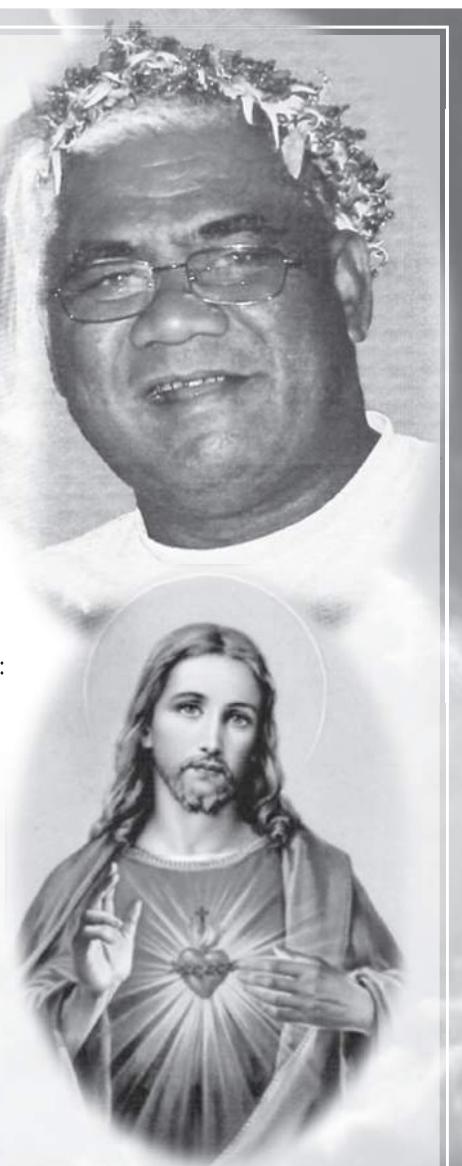
Mass of intention will be offered at San Jose Parish starting August 24, 2014 on the following schedule:

Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 7:30 am
Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 am
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 6:00 am
Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 6:00 am
Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6:00 am
Friday, August 29, 2014 at 6:00 am
Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 6:00 am
Sunday, August 31, 2014 at 7:30 am
Monday, September 1, 2014 at 6:00 am

On the final day, Monday, September 1, 2014 breakfast will be serve at San Jose Parish, Social Hall immediately thereafter.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.
Thank you, Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Oloomwaay

THE FAMILY



Life & Style

Seth Meyers prizes his new role as Emmycast host

NEW YORK (AP)—Seth Meyers is no stranger to live television. For years he anchored “Weekend Update” on “Saturday Night Live.”

Nor is playing host on TV an alien experience. Since February, he has occupied NBC’s “Late Night” host chair.

So Meyers isn’t sweating his new role as master of ceremonies when “The Prime-Time Emmy Awards” airs Monday at 8 p.m. EDT on NBC.

“Butterflies tend to go away with the first laugh,” he said brightly, “so you try to make that happen as early as you can.”

Speaking by phone from Los Angeles, where he was prepping for Emmy night, he reported, “We’ve written our first pack of jokes. But the best stuff will come later in the week.”

“The monologue is the biggest thing I do,” he went on, “but they are leaving spots during the telecast where I can comment on things that are happening, and if we come up with something silly this week, we don’t have to go hat-in-hand and ask for a minute here, 90 seconds there. It’s built into the program for us.” Even so, Meyers said he will honor an Emmys tradition of front-loading the program with comedy, when those gathered at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles are most likely to embrace it.

“The longer the night goes, the less joy there is in the room, because by then a number of people have lost,” Meyers noted. “If it was the Golden Globes



AP
Host Seth Meyers speaks at the Television Academy's 66th Primetime Emmy Awards Press Preview Day and Red Carpet Rollout at Nokia Theater L.A. LIVE on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014 in Los Angeles.

and the people were drinking, maybe they’d care less. But here, the host and the program are standing between them and the bar.”

Meyers is a TV veteran, but he said he also remains a TV fan.

“Even if I wasn’t in television right now, I would be watching

the Emmys, mostly because of how good TV is right now,” he said. “I was really excited when the nominations came out, because most of them are shows

that I watch.”

In a separate conversation, Emmycast producer Don Mischer praised Meyers’ ease on live TV and skill at thinking funny on his feet.

“But more than anything, he loves television,” Mischer agreed. “He really, really wanted to do this and he has really rolled up his sleeves. That’s what makes a difference.”

Like most viewers, Meyers has his favorites among the nominees.

In particular, he’s rooting for Amy Poehler, with whom he used to share the “Weekend Update” anchor desk. Poehler, who previously has been up for 10 Emmys but never won, is nominated this year as best actress for her NBC sitcom “Parks and Recreation.”

“But here’s the good news,” said Meyers, surely wearing a grin: “No matter which way it goes, I’m VERY confident she’s going to be OK.”

“I don’t want anyone to think I’m this incredibly selfless person,” he added with a laugh. He shared a 2011 Emmy for original music and lyrics on “SNL,” among the numerous nominations he has gotten for his writing. “The hard part is not when friends of mine lose an award, but

when I lose. I like to remind them that they’re all winners, whereas, when I lose, I really feel like a loser!”

Meyers acknowledged that viewers can be tough with their postmortems of an Emmys telecast and its host. One reason: Different viewers come looking and hoping for different things.

“There are people in the audience who take these awards very seriously, while a lot of people don’t. No one’s right or wrong. But ultimately everybody will have a different take on what it is that I as host am trying to do, based on what the Emmys means to them.”

“But the reaction will be very temporary,” he predicted. “Everyone talks more about the Emmys beforehand than after. This is a night about a year of television and, when it’s over, people move on.”

Meanwhile, Meyers will head home to resume his talk-show duties. But with “Late Night” in repeats next week, he’ll have a few days’ break once the Emmycast is done. He plans to enjoy them.

“I might sort of travel around,” he said, looking past next Monday night, “and find my way back to New York very slowly.”

Nice guy Andrew Rannells channels his inner Hedwig

By MARK KENNEDY
AP DRAMA WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Andrew Rannells says he never dreamed of becoming a rock star while growing up. What he hoped for was a part on Broadway. Now he’s getting both at the same time—and a load of mascara as well.

Starting Wednesday, the Tony Award-nominated star of “The Book of Mormon” on Broadway and HBO’s “Girls” replaces Neil Patrick Harris in the title role of the show “Hedwig and the Angry Inch.”

Rannells will be playing a German transsexual rock singer in a tale of obsession, glam rock and a botched sex-change operation. It requires a leading man willing to eat cigarettes, wear a miniskirt, lick the stage and spit at audience members.

Rannells, a very polite man who hails from Omaha, Nebraska, is no stranger to Hedwig, having played her in Texas for four months a dozen years ago when he was 23.

This summer, he managed to wrap up season four of “Girls” while also filming Nancy Meyers’ new comedy, “The Intern,” starring Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway.

The Associated Press recently

asked Rannells about inheriting the role from Harris, working with De Niro and if he’ll be rude to people onstage this time.

AP: What’s it like to return to Hedwig after 12 years?

Rannells: Now I feel more connected to the Hedwig that has more life experience, that has more time under her belt. It’s interesting to go back and look at it now. The things that really resonated with me 12 years ago still do but in a much different way now.

AP: Have you asked Harris lots of questions or just gotten out of his way?

Rannells: He’s been great. What a crazy summer and spring he’s had. What an overwhelming experience, I’m sure. So I’ve sort of given him some space to wrap up this experience without breathing down his neck and twirling my wig behind him.

AP: Is there pressure following him?

Rannells: It’s a very unique show. You see it and, I think, kind of lose the actor a little bit. You really do believe that there is this odd creature up there that you’re watching and this is all happening in front of you in a crazy way. The show itself, and Hedwig, is the star. So even if you’ve seen it six times, if

there’s a new actor in it, it’s going to be a completely different show to you.

AP: Maybe like everyone has their favorite James Bond?

Rannells: Right. Timothy Dalton is weirdly mine. That’s my favorite Bond. He’s the first one I saw. Then later I was like, “Oh, Sean Connery did it?”

AP: Speaking of stars, what was it like to be around De Niro?

Rannells: I learned pretty early in that process to not ask too many questions. He’s very nice and he’s very accommodating, but I’m sure he’s been asked a million questions about “King of Comedy” and “Taxi Driver” and I’m sure he’s exhausted at this point. I found it better to do small talk rather than get into, “Can we talk about “The Deer Hunter”?” That’s not a good way to start the day.

AP: Back to Hedwig, when you were first approached about the role, what did you think?

Rannells: My knee-jerk reaction was to say no. It seemed like a lot and I was like, “I don’t know if I have that in me.” And, then, as soon as I saw it, I was like, “Of course.”

AP: By intermission?

Rannells: No way. Dur-

ing the first song, “Tear Me Down.” I was like, “I’m doing this.” I looked at my boyfriend and I sort of nodded and he was like, “OK, I guess we’re doing this.”

AP: But are you going to be OK spitting on people?

Rannells: The Nebraska

part of me is not comfortable with that. It’s really not. I remember doing it in Texas and being like, “I’m sorry!” I sort of decided I’m just going to go for it this time. Once you get that wig on and all that makeup, all of a sudden your politeness flies out the window.



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This image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown shows Andrew Rannells during a performance of “Hedwig & the Angry Inch,” in New York.

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Photographer sues Bieber over Hawaii altercation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A photographer sued Justin Bieber and one of his bodyguards Wednesday for assault and infliction of emotional distress over an altercation on Hawaiian beach late last year.

The lawsuit by paparazzo Aja Oxman states Bieber ordered his bodyguard to take a memory card after the photographer snapped photos of the pop singer leaping from a cliff into the ocean at Shipwreck Beach on the island of Kauai. Bodyguard Dwayne Patterson placed Oxman in a chokehold and seriously injured him and damaged his camera during the November incident, the lawsuit states.

The complaint seeks unspecified damages in excess of \$25,000 for assault and battery, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Patterson was arrested on suspicion of assault and later charged with second degree robbery. He pleaded no contest to criminal property damage and harassment and was ordered to pay Oxman \$6,000 in restitution, court records show. Patterson's

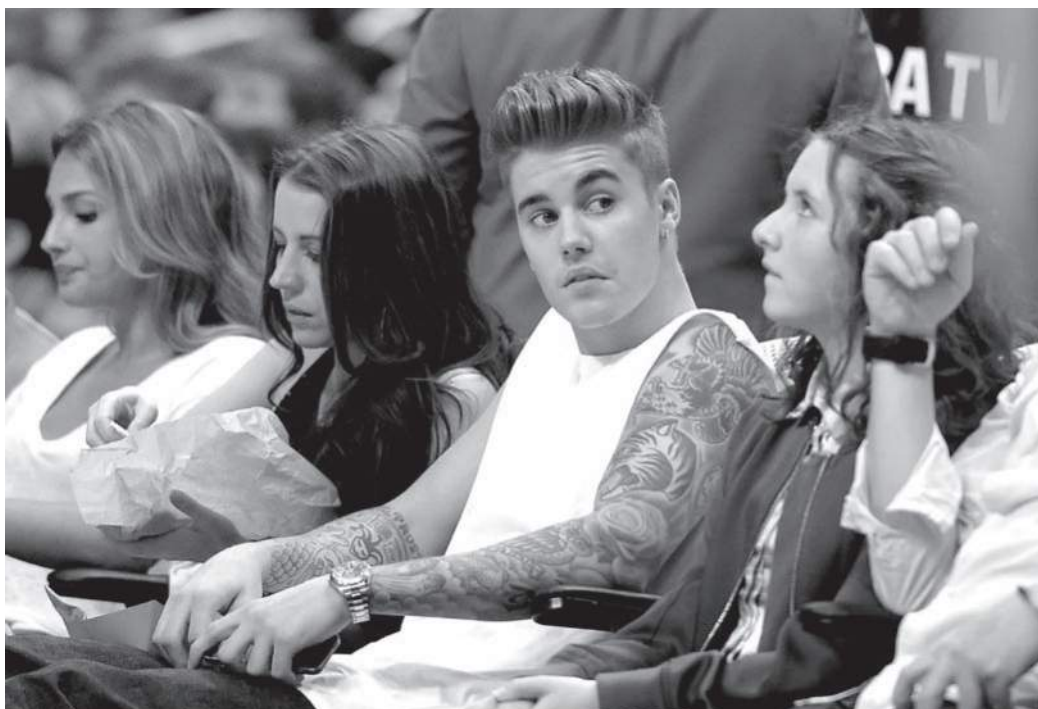
conviction won't remain on his record if he does not get into further trouble, records show.

Bieber, 20, was not arrested and no charges were filed against him due to a lack of evidence that he ordered Patterson to attack Oxman, Kauai County Prosecuting Attorney Justin Kollar said Wednesday. Kollar said Patterson had fully paid restitution to Oxman.

Email messages sent to Bieber's publicist Melissa Victor and attorney Howard Weitzman were not immediately returned. A phone message left for attorney Craig De Costa, who represented Patterson in the Hawaii criminal case, was not immediately returned.

Oxman's lawsuit does not accuse Bieber of taking part in the assault, but it states the singer helped his bodyguard destroy the camera.

Earlier this month, Bieber pleaded guilty to charges of careless driving and resisting arrest in a Miami case filed after the singer was arrested in what police called an illegal drag race in January. Bieber had been



charged with driving under the influence, but he entered the plea to lesser charges through an attorney. In July, the singer resolved a Los Angeles criminal case by pleading no contest to a misdemeanor vandalism charge for throwing eggs at a neighbor's house. In that case, Bieber agreed to pay more than \$80,000 in damages and meet a number of other conditions.

AP

This May 11, 2014 file photo shows singer Justin Bieber, second from right, watching the Los Angeles Clippers play the Oklahoma City Thunder with his mother Pattie Mallette, second from left, in the first half of Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series in Los Angeles.

Emmys: Billy Crystal to pay tribute to Williams

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Billy Crystal will pay tribute to Robin Williams, his longtime friend and fellow comedian, at next week's Emmy Awards.

Crystal will honor Williams as part of the traditional "in memoriam" segment for industry members who died during the past year, Emmy executive producer Don Mischer said in a statement Wednesday.

Mischer said the memorial seg-

ment during Monday's ceremony will include a performance from Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles.

Williams was found dead in his Northern California home on Aug. 11.

At last year's Emmys, Williams honored his friend and mentor Jonathan Winters during the tribute segment.

The Emmy Awards will be broadcast by NBC.

NYC mayor declares 'Al Roker Appreciation Day'

NEW YORK (AP)—Al Roker didn't have this honor in his forecast.

Mayor Bill de Blasio surprised the beloved "Today Show" weatherman on his 60th birthday Wednesday and declared it Al Roker Appreciation Day across the city.

De Blasio presented Roker with a mayoral proclamation

featuring a photograph of the home where Roker grew up in St. Albans, Queens.

De Blasio's appearance came during the second hour of the NBC morning show.

The program aired a retrospective on Roker's life and career and had other surprises planned to mark the start of his seventh decade.

Emma Stone to enter 'Cabaret' on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—Emma Stone is about to get saucy—she'll be slipping into the slinky Broadway revival of "Cabaret."

Roundabout Theatre Company said Wednesday that Stone will make her Broadway debut Nov. 11 as Sally Bowles, taking over from Michelle Williams at the Studio 54 theater.

Williams leaves Nov. 9 and Alan Cumming, who plays the chilling Emcee has extended to March 29. Stone is known for her films including "The Amaz-

ing Spiderman 2," "Crazy, Stupid, Love" and "Easy A."

Set in 1931 Berlin, "Cabaret" centers on the world of the indulgent Kit Kat Klub as it becomes intertwined with the world outside, which gets more precarious as Nazis take over. The songs by John Kander and Fred Ebb include "Willkommen" and "Tomorrow Belongs to Me."

"Brokeback Mountain" star

Williams first stepped into the role this spring, once played by Liza Minnelli, when Stone had to withdraw due to scheduling conflicts.

In addition to Minnelli and Williams, the part of Bowles has been played by Jill Haworth, Gina Gershon, Melina

Kanakaredes, Natasha Richardson, Jane Leeves, Lea Thompson, Alyson Reed and Judi

Dench, among others.

The current show is a revival of a revival. Also starring Cumming, it ran for more than 2,000 performances from 1998 to 2004 and won the Tony Award in 1998 for best musical revival.

"Cabaret," both the Broadway show and 1972 film starring Minnelli, Joel Grey and Michael York, are based on the 1951 Broadway play "I Am a Camera," which, in turn, was based on Christopher Isherwood's book "Goodbye to Berlin."



Stone

Rapper Gucci Mane sentenced on federal gun charge

ATLANTA (AP)—Rapper Gucci Mane was sentenced Wednesday to serve three years and three months in prison after pleading guilty to a federal firearms charge several months ago.

The 34-year-old, whose real name is Radric Davis, pleaded guilty in May to a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon after reaching an agreement with prosecutors.

The judge also sentenced him to serve three years of supervised release with extra limitations on his travel during that time and to

pay a \$5,000 fine.

Federal prosecutor Kim Dammers said she believes the sentence outlined in the plea agreement is appropriate given the seriousness of the offense and Davis' lengthy and violent criminal history, which includes convictions for battery and aggravated assault.

U.S. District Judge Steve C. Jones told Davis he's heard from his nieces and nephews that the rapper is a talented musician with a potentially bright future and warned him not to squander that.

"You're still a young man, and you can still do a lot if you follow and abide by the law," Jones said.

Davis' lawyers asked the judge to consider recommending that he get credit for about 11 months served in the DeKalb County jail since his arrest in September. The judge said he would consider that but that he felt it was a matter for the Bureau of Prisons.

The lawyers said Davis has struggled to with addiction to a mixture of cough syrup and soda known as lean and asked

that the judge recommend that he be sent to a facility with a recovery program. Lawyer Drew Findling said Davis would prefer to serve his time on the West Coast to be away from distractions closer to home.

"He understands he has some work ahead of him, and his goal is to bring a resolution to this case through this sentence and to get back to something that is very important to him and his fans and that is to perform," Findling said after the hearing.

Family fears for teen falling under boyfriend's influence

DEAR ABBY: My son's wife passed away very recently. He works days, so I have been helping him by looking after his 15-year-old daughter, "Leyla."

Leyla recently told her father that her boyfriend, "Dylan," has asked her to vandalize things—TV, Blu-ray player, etc.—if her daddy enrolls her in a private school or moves her to another school closer to his company for a better education. Leyla's grades aren't good, and she spends most of her time chatting or texting with Dylan.

Abby, I'm really worried. The last thing Dylan asked her to do was kill her daddy because "he controls her too much." Before school ended, Dylan skipped a field trip. He didn't want Leyla to participate either because he feared that without him, she might have a chance to make friends with others, so she didn't turn in her paperwork and stayed home.

We plan to send her to a psychologist in the coming weeks. Should we bring this problem to the attention of her school principal? Thank you for your help.

WORRIED SICK IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED SICK: I'm glad your granddaughter will

soon see a therapist. I'm sure they'll have a lot to talk about.

Because Leyla is in constant communication with Dylan, take her cellphone away and monitor her activity on the computer. That he would ask her to damage property or cause physical harm to another person is something that should be immediately reported not only to the school principal, but also to his parents and the police. This young man could be dangerous to the adults in your family, as well as to your granddaughter unless there is an intervention NOW.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been feeling super alone lately. I'm a full-time, stay-at-home mom. My fiance and I have an 11-month-old son. Before he was born, I worked and my fiance didn't. Then we moved away from my family to where his family is—a town of about 400 people—and he works while I stay home with the baby.

This is a small town, and I have no friends here. I have been feeling extremely stir-crazy and trapped in my head. I don't know how to handle it. I spoke to a psychiatrist. She said it'll pass, but it hasn't.

Please, if you have any advice, I need some badly.

STUCK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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DEAR STUCK: In many small Southern towns, the social life revolves around the church. If you and your fiance haven't joined one, you should consider it. If you do, your chances of making friends—possibly with some other young couples—will be improved. Also consider volunteering or going to a nearby larger town to look for activities. I hope this will help to relieve your sense of isolation.

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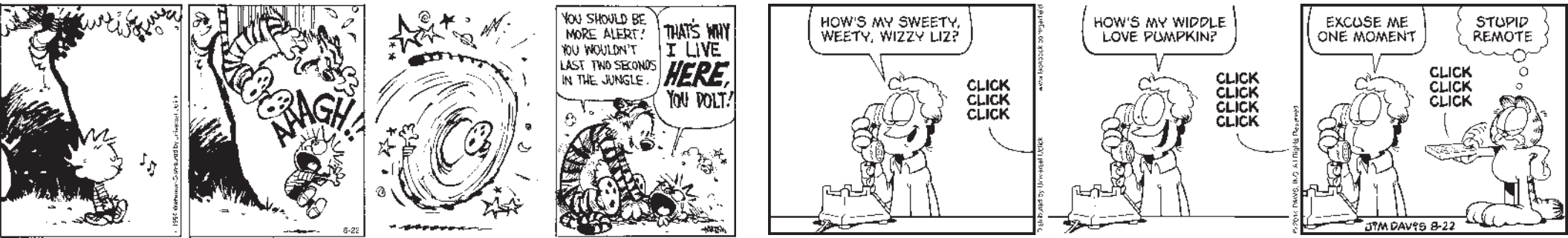
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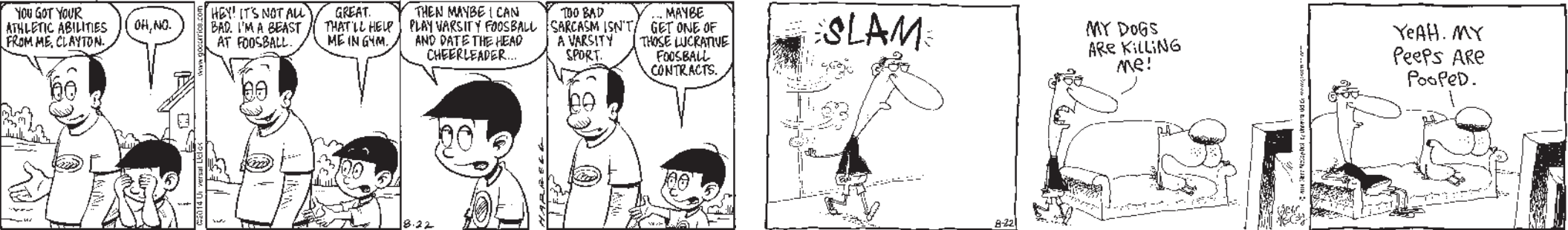
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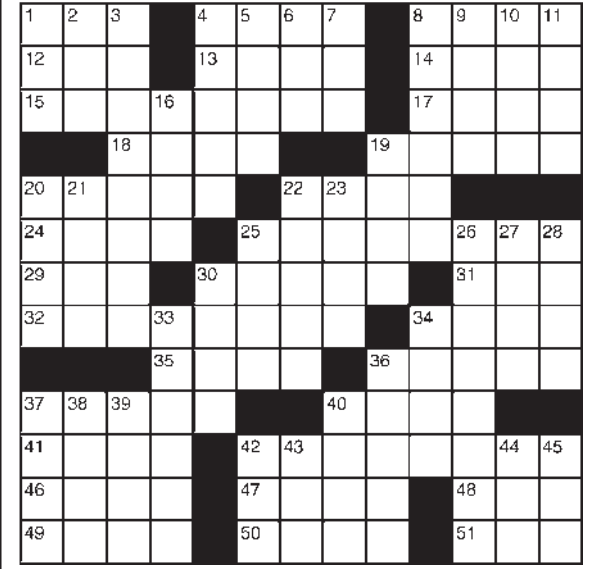
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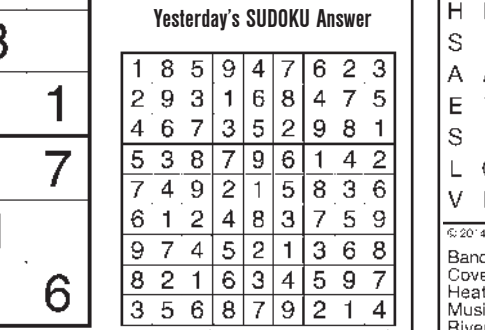
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Martinez, Rangers top Marlins, 5-4



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(AP)—Nick Martinez al-

lowed two runs in six innings in his homecoming, Alex Rios drove in two runs, and the Texas Rangers roughed up Miami starter Nathan Eovaldi on the way to a 5-4 win over the Marlins on Wednesday.

Leonys Martin had three hits for Texas, which led 5-0 after two innings.

Martinez (3-9) allowed six hits and threw 62 of his 96 pitches for strikes. He was born in nearby Hialeah and pitched at Belen Jesuit Prep, about 12 miles from Marlins Park.

Miami rallied in the ninth with solo homers by Marcell Ozuna and pinch-hitter Jarrod Saltalamacchia, both off Neftali Feliz. With the tying run on first, Feliz closed out his fifth save in six chances by striking out Donovan Solano.

Eovaldi (6-8) gave up nine hits and five runs, four earned, in five innings.

Nationals 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Washington, pinch-hitter Anthony Rendon's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted surging Washington past Arizona for its ninth straight victory.

Bryce Harper opened the ninth with a single off Evan Marshall (4-3) and went to third on Kevin Frandsen's base hit. Out of the starting lineup for the first time in 63 games, Rendon ripped a single past third baseman Cliff Pennington, scoring Harper.

Five of Washington's last six victories have been by a single run with four coming in its last at-bat.

The Diamondbacks tied the game in the eighth on Ender Inciarte's two-run homer against reliever Tyler Clippard. Rafael Soriano (3-1) pitched the ninth.

Arizona has lost five straight and is 5-13 in August.

The Nationals last won nine in a row when they matched a franchise-record tying 10-game streak June 2-12, 2005. Washington also extended its home win streak to eight games.

Tanner Roark threw seven scoreless innings for the Nationals and left with a 2-0 lead. The NL East-leading Nationals moved seven games ahead of second place Atlanta.

Padres 4, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Alexi Amarista had two hits and drove in a run, Eric Stults combined with three relievers on a six-hitter, and the San Diego Padres beat the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers.

Stults (6-13) allowed one run in five innings, struck out five and walked one. The Dodgers came into the game with a 20-10 record against left-handed opponents, but Stults did just enough against the team he pitched for from 2006-09.



Miami Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton throws his bat after striking out in the third inning during an interleague baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, in Miami.

Kevin Quackenbush pitched the ninth to earn his first major league save. He started a 1-2-3 putout to end the game.

Rymer Liriano went 2 for 3 with a walk and two runs scored, and Seth Smith went 2 for 5 for the Padres, who pounded out 11 hits in ending a two-game skid.

Roberto Hernandez (7-9) gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings.

Phillies 4, Mariners 3

In Philadelphia, Wil Nieves doubled and had three hits, and Cole Hamels got a victory when he wasn't at his best as Philadelphia defeated Seattle.

Chase Utley had the go-ahead RBI, and Ben Revere and Marlon Byrd drove in runs for the Phillies, who won for just the third time in nine games.

Kendrys Morales homered for Seattle, which was bidding to move 12 games over .500 for the first time since 2007. The Mariners lost for the third time in 10 games.

Hamels (7-6) snapped his string of seven straight starts going at least seven innings, but earned the win. He gave up three runs and nine hits with four strikeouts, one walk and two wild pitches.

Jonathan Papelbon struck out two in a scoreless ninth for his

30th save in 33 opportunities. Jake Diekmann followed Hamels and struck out four in two scoreless frames and Ken Giles fanned the side in the scoreless eighth.

James Paxton (3-1) took the first loss of his career after the shortest outing in his 10th start, lasting just four innings while allowing four runs - one earned - on seven hits. He had been 6-0.

Mets 8, Athletics 5

In Oakland, Calif., Lucas Duda hit a three-run homer, Eric Campbell also connected, and the New York Mets beat Oakland to snap a three-game losing streak.

Zack Wheeler (9-8) allowed two earned runs while working 5 2-3 solid innings. The Mets split their quick two-game interleague series.

Wheeler is 6-0 with a 2.12 ERA over his nine outings since June 30. He is 4-1 in his last 10 road starts.

Jeurys Familia relieved Vic Black with the bases loaded and one out in the eighth and walked in a run but avoided further damage. He finished for his fourth save.

Campbell and Duda homered during a five-run third against Jeff Samardzija (3-3).

Samardzija had been unbeaten in five previous starts at the

Coliseum. Instead, he was done after 3 2-3 innings.

Blue Jays 9, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, Jose Bautista's three-run homer capped a five-run sixth inning, and Toronto outslugged Milwaukee, snapping the Brewers' five-game winning streak.

Bautista hit a 1-2 pitch from reliever Brandon Kintzler into the Brewers' bullpen in right field. The homer made a winner of R.A. Dickey (10-12), who gave up five runs in 5 2-3 choppy innings. Dickey left after Carlos Gomez's two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth made it 7-5.

Colby Rasmus also homered for Toronto, which outhit the NL Central leaders 15-10. The Blue Jays completed a 2-6 trip.

Jimmy Nelson (2-4) took the loss after allowing the first two runners to reach in the sixth.

Tigers 6, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Rick Porcello pitched a three-hitter for his AL-leading third shutout, and Victor Martinez hit a grand slam, leading Detroit over Tampa Bay.

The Rays lost their fourth in a row.

Porcello (14-8) moved into a tie for the AL lead in wins, retir-

ing 20 straight batters after Ben Zobrist's double in the first.

Porcello walked none and struck out four in his first win since Aug. 2. He matched Miami's Henderson Alvarez for the major league lead in shutouts.

Martinez hit his fourth career slam, connecting off Kirby Yates in the seventh. Starter Jake Odorizzi (9-10) left earlier in the inning.

Wil Myers, the reigning AL Rookie of the Year, went 0 for 3 in his return to the Rays' lineup after missing 70 games because of a broken right wrist.

Pirates 3, Braves 2

In Pittsburgh, Justin Upton dropped a routine fly ball in the ninth inning which set the stage for Gaby Sanchez's game-winning sacrifice fly that capped a comeback as Pittsburgh beat Atlanta.

David Carpenter (4-4) took the loss after allowing an unearned run.

Pittsburgh snapped a seven-game losing streak, and ended Atlanta's five-game winning streak.

Upton drove in a run with a single in the first inning after Jason Heyward walked and Freddie Freeman singled. Upton's single extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

Mark Melancon (2-3) worked a 1-2-3 ninth to earn the win.

Astros 5, Yankees 2

In New York, Scott Feldman shut down the slumping New York Yankees again, and Robbie Grossman snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single that sent Houston to a victory.

Dexter Fowler had an RBI double, Jose Altuve added a run-scoring single, and the Astros (54-73) did more damage to New York's playoff chances with their fourth victory in five meetings this season. Houston won a series at Yankee Stadium for the first time in four trips.

The fourth-place Astros improved to 4-7 in the Bronx and will go for a three-game sweep Thursday.

Angels 8, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Josh Hamilton broke out of a slump with two hits and three RBIs, Howie Kendrick drove in two runs, and the Los Angeles Angels beat Boston.

Hamilton was in a 5-for-41 slump with 18 strikeouts but hit two sacrifice flies and then singled in the Angels' final run in the ninth inning.

The Angels' seventh win in eight games put them 1 1-2 games ahead of Oakland but it was costly. Right-handed starter Garrett Richards sustained a patellar injury in his left knee while running to cover first base in the second inning.

Orioles 4, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Nelson Cruz took the major league lead with his 33rd

home run, and surging Baltimore completed a three-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox.

Adam Jones and Steve Pearce also homered for the Orioles, who have won four straight and extended their AL East lead to nine games over second-place Toronto.

Baltimore posted its first sweep in Chicago over the White Sox since July 1995.

Indians 5, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, rookie T.J. House pitched shutout ball into the sixth inning, and Mike Aviles had three hits and two RBIs to lift Cleveland over Minnesota.

House (2-3) walked three and struck out five, and scattered four hits over 5 1/3 innings. Four relievers combined to blank the Twins the rest of the way, running Minnesota's scoreless streak to 17 innings.

Another rookie, designated hitter Zach Walters, hit his sixth home run of the year in the second inning to put Cleveland on top 1-0. It was Walters' third home run in eight games with the Indians since he was acquired from Washington.

Giants 8, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Jake Peavy pitched seven solid innings in his fifth start with San Francisco, and the Giants rolled past the Chicago Cubs, hours after they won a protest regarding a rain-shortened loss from the night before.

Hunter Pence and Andrew Susac homered, and Travis Ishikawa drove in three runs with pair of doubles among three hits to help the Giants strengthen their hold on an NL wild card spot.

Peavy (2-3) has won two straight after losing his first three starts with San Francisco following a July 26 trade from Boston where he was 1-9.

Rockies 5, Royals 2

In Denver, Matt McBride hit his first career grand slam, and Jorge De La Rosa pitched eight crisp innings, helping Colorado cool off Kansas City.

The loss trimmed the Royals' lead to one game over Detroit in the AL Central.

Danny Duffy (8-11) was cruising along with a 2-1 lead until a two-out error by third baseman Christian Colon in the sixth opened the door for a big inning.

Cardinals 7, Reds 3

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn beat Cincinnati for the third straight time, Jhonny Peralta hit a bases-clearing double, and St. Louis completed a three-game sweep.

Reds starter Johnny Cueto (15-7) was off-kilter from the get-go and missed a chance to become the majors' first 16-game winner. He allowed five runs in five innings, and his seven-game winning streak ended.

The Cardinals have won eight of nine and swept the Reds at home for the first time since Sept. 26-28, 2008. Cincinnati has lost 10 of 12, with Cueto getting the two wins.

Hoyer beats injury, Manziel to win starting job



BEREA, Ohio (AP)—Brian Hoyer defied long odds—and stiff-armed Johnny Football—to keep his dream job.

Through sweat and tears, he fought his way back from a serious knee injury only to be faced with the Browns drafting Johnny Manziel, college football's dynamic quarterback with the cult-like following.

Hoyer, though, persevered. He endured grueling rehab to get back on the field sooner than expected, stayed focused as Manzielmania consumed the Browns, and ignored trade rumors. It will be Hoyer who will lead the Browns, his hometown team, onto the field for the Sept. 7 opener against the archrival Pittsburgh Steelers.

For a Cleveland kid cut by three NFL teams and waiting for his chance, it doesn't get any better.

"Obviously it's very special for me," Hoyer said. "Did I believe this could happen after I got hurt? There was no doubt in my mind, but there were days when rehab (stunk) and I hated what I was doing. It's amazing how you appreciate the game when it's taken away from you."

Needing to fix his offense quickly, first-year Browns coach Mike Pettine chose Hoyer as his starter Wednesday over Manziel, who wasn't able to do enough during training camp or

two preseason games to convince Cleveland's coaching staff he deserved the job.

Manziel is 0-1 as a pro. "It's obviously disappointing," Manziel said. "I feel like if I would have come out and played better it would have been a different outcome. I don't think I played terrible, but I didn't do anything to jump off the page. I made strides and got better throughout training camp and that's what I wanted to do."

Despite a 40 percent completion percentage, 57.9 rating and seeming to buckle under the pressure this month, Hoyer will start the season. However, in Cleveland that usually only guarantees one game. After all, the Browns have had 20 starting quarterbacks since 1999. Hoyer is the 12th QB to start the opener, a damning indictment toward a franchise that has only made the playoffs once in its expansion era.

The first major decision of Pettine's coaching career wasn't easy. He chose Hoyer's experience over Manziel's potential and he may have to make another switch. Pettine knows the best plans can change in an instant.

"Give me a crystal ball, and I'll tell you," he said when asked if Manziel will play this season. "The NFL season is so long, so much can happen. We don't want Brian looking over his shoulder thinking one bad throw and I'm out. But over time, if you feel you have to make a

change, time will only tell.

"You could foresee a scenario where he doesn't play this year and there are other scenarios that are absolutely possible as well. It's hard to tell."

Pettine brushed aside the notion Hoyer is on a short leash.

"This is Brian's job," he said. "I never think of it whether it's a leash or we want a guy to be a game manager. We want him to be confident and go out and play."

Pettine's selection of Hoyer will finally allow the Browns to move on to other things, and there's plenty of work to be done.

Pettine had targeted the third preseason game as the drop-dead date to pick his starter, but after both Hoyer and Manziel looked so bad in a loss at Washington on Monday, he met with his staff Tuesday night. He informed Hoyer and Manziel of his decision before a team meeting.

Hoyer didn't have enough time to contact his family, but while he was in the meeting, he received dozens of congratulatory text messages.

Nothing has ever come easy for him and although there was an outside perception Manziel would prevail, the 28-year-old Hoyer wasn't going down without a fight.

With Manziel on his heels, he can't relax.

"My entire career's been looking over my shoulder," he said. "The pressure you put on

yourself is far greater than anything else, because when you're a rookie undrafted and you're trying to come in and make a team, there's no one to look over. You're just trying to get on the team and to me, I feel like I'll carry that chip with me forever."

Manziel temporarily is pushed aside, and that appears to be OK with the 21-year-old, who draws attention with every move he makes on and off the field.

Manziel hopes the hysteria quiets down a little.

"I'm the backup quarterback," he said. "I shouldn't be in the spotlight."

Manziel has no regrets about the way he approached his competition with Hoyer. He was widely criticized for some weekend partying, but the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner insists he wouldn't change a thing. He's developing as a player, maturing as a man, and hopes to one day take over.

"Now next time I come into training camp I won't be surprised by it," he said. "But I wouldn't go back from the point after the draft to now and change a single thing. I'm going to continue to live my life and the offseason is the offseason. I'm going to go places, I'm going to do things and that's going to have no effect."

"Obviously I need to do it in the proper way, but I'm still going to continue to have fun in my life and continue to live my life."

For now, as a backup.

US routs Dominicans in exhibition as Rose rests

NEW YORK (AP)—Derrick Rose heard the fans chanting his name, and yes, he would've loved to give them what they wanted.

But after missing most of the past two years and with still a long summer of basketball ahead, he's willing to take this return slowly.

"Just trying to protect myself, just knowing that this is a long, long schedule and this is the most basketball I'll be playing in two years," Rose said.

"I want to be out there, but at the same time my health is the No. 1 issue right now."

With Rose sitting out, Kyrie Irving started and made all five shots, scoring 12 points as the U.S. national basketball team beat the Dominican Republic 105-62 on Wednesday night in an exhibition game.

James Harden also scored 12 in limited playing time for the Americans, who used their subs for most of the second half. Rudy Gay and DeMar DeRozan each scored 13 points.

Rose and U.S. assistant Tom Thibodeau, Rose's coach with the Chicago Bulls, both said he was experiencing gen-

eral soreness, though Rose was quick to point out it was nothing related to his multiple knee surgeries.

Rose's absence allowed U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski to take a longer look at other players with cuts coming soon. The Americans have 16 players on the roster and have to get down to 12 before the upcoming Basketball World Cup.

"When we do eventually make decisions on the 12, it will be very, very difficult," Krzyzewski said.

Krzyzewski said there would be no cuts before Friday's game against Puerto Rico, and he said Rose would play that night.

Fans chanted loudly in the third quarter for Rose to get into this one, but Krzyzewski decided shortly before tip the Chicago Bulls star wouldn't play.

Rose had sat out practices the past two days after starting in Saturday's exhibition victory over Brazil on his home floor, saying Tuesday he just wanted extra rest as he tries to play his way back into shape after missing most of the past two seasons because of knee surgeries.



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Fiesta, Shirley's secure outright semis berths

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Shirley's Coffee Shop and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan clinched the two automatics semis berths in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League after finishing in the Top 2 of the double-round robin regular season.

Shirley's got a 10-game sweep and took the No. 1 spot after winning via default over POI, while Fiesta placed second as it improved to a 7-3 record following a 91-77 victory

over Kanoa Resort last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

With Fiesta and Shirley's bagging the first two semis spots, Kanoa (6-4), CTSI/D&Q (3-7), POI (2-8), and *Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Services* (1-9) will dispute the two remaining Final Four slots. The pairings for the first two playoff berths are Kanoa vs *Saipan Tribune/RMS* and CTSI/D&Q vs POI and games will be played this Saturday.

CTSI/D&Q placed fourth in the team standings after outclassing *Saipan Tribune/RMS* in overtime, 84-82, in the sec-

ond game last Saturday. *Saipan Tribune/RMS* missed a layup in the closing seconds of the regulation and Jerseh Angeles' triple came in late in the extension period, allowing CTSI/D&Q to escape with the 2-point win.

CTSI/D&Q got the 2 points off a split from Edong Echavez and Ed Garcia. Both players scored in double figures with Garcia tallying 19 and Echavez adding 17 to back up the 22 points of Ariel Jinang. Dennis Chan and Angeles paced *Saipan Tribune/RMS* with 17 points apiece, while Irish Pagarao contributed 12, but missed the go-ahead layup

in the fourth quarter.

While CTSI/D&Q needed extra five minutes to finish the regular season with a win, Fiesta coasted its way to victory against Kanoa.

Fiesta dominated Kanoa in the second round en route to the 14-point win. Ahead by only a duce at the break, 41-39, Djay Ong helped Fiesta gain more cushion in the third, dropping 16 points and lifting his team to a 64-54 advantage. Ong kept going in the fourth canto and his other teammates contributed, too, to seal their semis stint. Ong exploded for 45 points to lead all scorers.

First Game

CTSI/D&Q 84 – Jinang 22, Garcia 19, Echavez 17, Nieves 8, Eliazar 7, Candalla 6.

***Saipan Tribune/RMS* 82** – Chan 17, Angeles 12, Pagarao 12, Moran 10, de la Torre 7, Rabago 6, Regis 6, Pajaril-laga 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-18, 32-27, 60-54, 74-74, 84-82.

Second Game

Fiesta 91 – Ong 45, Quizon 15, Esdrelon 9, Lavarias 8, Macoto 8, Demafelix 7, Belo 4, Villamena 3.

Kanoa 77 – Duenas 29, Armia 14, Pablo 14, Usi 11, Bustillo 2, Ordena 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-17, 41-39, 64-54, 91-77.

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Stole, who tallied 6 in the pay-off period, including the team's last 4 markers. Jun Alipio also scored in streak with his string of 5 points in the homestretch to help Mariana Resort move up to solo second place in the team standings behind the unbeaten Blue Haus.

Blue Haus retained a clean slate and pounded the winless I Love Saipan after drilling 20-plus pinfalls in all four quarters of last Wednesday's second match.

Five Blue Haus players made at least two field goal apiece right in the first period for a 26-18 lead and increased the advantage to double digits at the break, 49-35, as I Love Saipan failed to match its foe's offensive firepower.

In the end, four Blue Haus players scored in twin digits against only two from I Love Saipan. Junar Guiab had 24 points for Blue Haus, which drew 11 from Edsel Mendoza.

Ernie Moises and Tony Diaz chipped in 17 each. George Villasan led I Love Saipan with his 16 markers, while Frank Babauta contributed 10.

Meanwhile, last Monday's only match saw Armatech dominating PIC Chefs from start to finish en route to the 35-point winning margin.

Five Armatech players teamed up in the rout with Ray-

SIS Fun Run on Sept. 6



The Saipan International School will hold the 2014 SIS Fun Run on Sept. 6 at

Banzai Cliff in Marpi.

Registration begins at 6:15am and the race will start at 7am. Registration fee is \$10 per participant. Free T-shirt will be given for the first 120 people who register.

"The Saipan International School 5K Fun Run is back and better than ever. Fun and exercise for the entire family. All people from all age ranges are welcome

August roll-off this weekend

The Saipan Bowling Association's Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament for August will be held this weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Saturday's games will start at 6pm, while Sunday's will begin at 3:45pm. The tournament is exclusive for SBA members and adult bowlers have to pay the SBA annual membership fee of \$15.

Bowlers have the option to bowl on Saturday or Sunday or on both days, provided that

7 charged with trespassing at Ray Allen's home



CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP)—Seven people were charged Wednesday with trespassing at former Miami Heat player Ray Allen's home while his wife and four young children

and encouraged to participate in this family friendly event. Come and join the fun of a healthy family event to begin your Saturday," a statement from the As Lito school about the event read.

SIS is a non-profit kindergarten through 12th grade educational institution established in 1994 and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

For more information or to pre-register, contact SIS at 288-9660 or via email at milisaiki@hotmail.com or tim.s.bray@gmail.com. (PR)

the \$15 entry fee is paid. Only the higher score will qualify for prizes. The number of bowlers will be limited to the first 48 entries for each day. Cash prizes will depend on the number of entries. Women will only have separate prizes if there are at least 10 entries.

For early registration and payment, please see or contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288 5627 or send email to zapanta@pticom.com. (SBA)

were asleep upstairs. Police say 18- and 19-year-olds were attending a party next door when they entered throughout the front door of the unlocked Coral Gables home last week. Shannon Allen said she woke up and heard male voices with large flashlights loudly discussing their personal property. The terrified mother screamed, the intruders ran and she called police, according to a statement from the couple.



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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	73	52	.584	—
Toronto	65	62	.512	9
New York	63	61	.508	9½
Tampa Bay	61	65	.484	12½
Boston	56	70	.444	17½

Central Division

Kansas City	70	56	.556	—
Detroit	68	56	.548	1
Cleveland	64	61	.512	5½
Chicago	59	68	.465	11½
Minnesota	55	70	.440	14½

West Division

Los Angeles	75	50	.600	—
Oakland	74	52	.587	1½
Seattle	68	58	.540	7½
Houston	54	73	.425	22
Texas	49	77	.389	26½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	72	53	.576	—
Atlanta	66	61	.520	7
Miami	63	63	.500	9½
New York	60	68	.469	13½
Philadelphia	56	71	.441	17

Central Division

Milwaukee	71	56	.559	—
St. Louis	69	57	.548	1½
Pittsburgh	65	62	.512	6
Cincinnati	61	66	.480	10
Chicago	54	71	.432	16

West Division

Los Angeles	71	57	.555	—
San Francisco	66	58	.532	3
San Diego	59	66	.472	10½
Arizona	53	74	.417	17½
Colorado	50	76	.397	20

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U12 singles. Before losing the semis, Schorr, who advanced to the finals last year, swept his three games in the pool play. Schorr will now have to settle for the battle for third place match against Kiribati's Banien Ioera, who fell to top-ranked Gillian Osmont of Tahiti in the other semis pairing, 0-6, 0-6.

In the girls U12 singles, the then unbeaten Miyawaki missed a finals stint after dropping her semis game against Tahiti's Lea Lamorelle, 3-6, 2-6. The other semis match yesterday was also won by Tahiti with top-ranked Naia Guillon eliminating Samoa's Eleanor Schuster, 6-1, 6-0. Michael Emery was the fourth Tahitian player to barge into the finals after ousting the Lizama in the lower bracket semis in the boys U14 singles, 6-0, 6-1. Emery will go for the division championship against American Samoa's Larry Maglasan, who foiled an

all-Tahiti title showdown after downing Tahiti's Honoarii Joutain, 3-6, 6-0, 6-0.

Meanwhile, Ramsey made up for his lackluster showing in the singles event by marching into the finals of the boys U16 doubles. He partnered with the Federated States of Micronesia's Terry Rush and they survived Tahiti's Rehiti Chin Meun and Manoa Desvignes in last Wednesday's semis match, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 10-6, to arrange a finals duel against American Samoa's Kevin Maukoloa and Jummah Vugas. The two American Samoa bets went on to beat Ramsey and Rush in yesterday's finale, 7-5, 6-2.

In other doubles results, Lee and Tania Tan were stunned in the girls U14 semis, falling to Bolo and Kumar, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-10. The two other CNMI players—Julia Ishikawa and Ami Tsukagoshi—entered in the same event also dropped their Final Four assignment to eventual champions Coffin and Vanuatu's Emma Maucotel, who swept Bolo and Kumar in the finals, 6-4, 6-4.

In the boys U14 doubles, Lizama teamed up with Guam's Mason Caldwell and after winning in the quarterfinals, the two North Pacific players fell to Tahiti's Harley Cronin and Maglasan in the semis, 6-0, 7-5. Maglasan and Cronin also won in the finals against Emery and Joutain, 6-1, 7-6 (10).

In the boy U12 doubles, Schorr and Ken Song only made it to the semifinals. The duo drew a bye in the first round and lost to Mainguy and Samuel Strid of Vanuatu in the semis, 5-7, 4-6. Tahiti's Osmont and Vaitea Molinier topped the event, following a 6-4, 5-7, 10-5 triumph over the Vanuatu pair.

In the girls U12 doubles, the CNMI's Conatsu Kaga and teammate Leafine Cronin of Samoa also faltered in their finals bid after bowing to the top-ranked pair of Guillon and Schuster in the semis, 6-0, 6-1. The top-ranked duo then was then upset by American Samoa's Crystal Christman and Lamorelle in the finals, 6-3, 6-1.

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Vilma Reyes was the fourth pair to win an extended match, outlasting Merlie Tolentino and Emily Vargas in the women's 35-and-over doubles, 21-19, 20-21, 21-11.

In the men's 35-and-over doubles, Roger Vales and Eydie Uy swept Tommy Kim and Edwin Montoya, 21-16, 21-18, while Young Son You and Jongmin Lee handed Ortega and Agui back-to-back losses last Sunday after prevailing in their 8:15pm match, 21-10, 21-14.

The remaining doubles matches last Sunday also ended after only two games. In the women's B doubles, Dianne Francisco and Alma Ortega downed Nicole Malasarte and Patricia Abantao, 21-13, 21-11, while in the Class C game, Roxe Lazaro and Lani Santos dominated Gwynette and Jenine Florentino, 21-12, 21-18.

Lazaro also played in the women's C singles last Sunday and worked out a 21-19, 18-21, 21-18 victory over Abantao. The other women's C singles duel last weekend also resulted in a three-game win for Reyes,

who nipped Gigi Zapanta, 14-21, 21-17, 21-20. Windy Fernandez registered the third three-game win in the women's C singles after beating Rowena Sison, 21-19, 20-21, 21-13.

In the men's singles, C division, Raphael Zapanta and Jerome Malasarte swept their respective foes. Zapanta won over Ariel Jinang, 21-16, 21-19, while Malasarte topped Jun Kim, 21-12, 21-15. The third men's C singles tiff did not take place and Jeremi Montenejo was awarded a win via default over Ray Musada.

In the men's A singles, Edralin triumphed over Hibi, 21-11, 21-20, while Cordero had a similar straight game win against Montoya in B division, 21-15, 21-11.

Meanwhile, only several matches were played last Friday and Saturday, as the tournament gave way to the 2014 NMBA-GNBF Friendly Competition.

Six matches were held last Friday and four of them finished after only two games. Jun Kim and Sato San won over Tae Ho Kim and Tommy Kim in the men's C doubles, 21-12, 21-15, while Macario and Edralin also took the short way to victory

in the men's B doubles against Pastor Pang and Oh Im Bog, 21-20, 21-14. The pairs of Reyes and Baby Banadera and Julie Lee and Sison posted the two other straight game wins last Friday. Banadera and Reyes defeated Judy Mendieta and Vargas in the women's C doubles, 21-12, 21-12, while Lee and Sison prevailed over Ta and Elma Labuson in the B division, 21-11, 21-16.

The remaining two doubles matches (C division) last Friday wrapped up after three games with A.J. Ortega and Raphael Zapanta slipping past Patrick Fernandez and Leo Su, 21-16, 19-21, 21-13, and Jun Kim and Sato San outlasting Jinang and Musada, 20-21, 21-18, 21-15.

In last Saturday's games, only four matches were played. The duos of Pang and Oh and Edralin and Macario won over Jerry Tan and Raphael Zapanta, 21-16, 21-13, and Jojo Savellano and Noli Santos, 21-17, 21-14, respectively, in the men's B doubles. In the singles, Joel Ortega swept Shintaro in Class B, 21-16, 21-13, while Su hammered Jun Kim in Class C, 21-3, 21-7.

PBA Bowler of the Year/PBA Saturday Night League Winners

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The monthly winners in the Philippine Bowling Association's competition pose with their trophies during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center.



PBA Bowler of the Year Raymond Angeles poses with his prizes, which PBA official Ador Dimaano, right, presented.



PIN.Org players receive their runner-up trophy during the awards ceremony for the PBA Saturday Night League.

◀ PBA Bowler of the Year Tournament third finisher Roger De Guzman, right, receives his trophy from PBA official Ador Dimaano.



▶ PBA Bowler of the Year Tournament runner-up Robert Talavera smiles after getting his prizes.



Yho Villavicencio is congratulated by PBA official Ador Dimaano for sweeping the four individual awards in the PBA Saturday Night League.



Percy Omechelang receives one of his three individual awards from PBA official Ador Dimaano.



Members of D'Unkown, which placed third in the PBA Saturday Night League, pose for a photo.





Martinez,
Rangers top
Marlins, 5-4

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Lee, Ramsey make finals in Fiji



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Colin Ramsey, seen here going for a return from the backline in a local tournament last year at the PIC courts, made it to the finals of the boys U16 doubles event in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

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Carol Lee is the last CNMI player left standing in the singles event, while Colin Ramsey redeemed himself in the doubles competition in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Lee advanced to the finals of the girls U14 singles yesterday, the same day her fellow CNMI players—Robbie Schorr, Malikawa Miyawaki, and Luther Lizama—lost their respective semis matches in Fiji. Lee faced Fiji's Ruby Coffin in the upper bracket semis and avoided the latter's upset axe after sweeping the last two sets of their Final Four duel. Coffin stunned Lee in the opening set, 6-2, but the CNMI player got her act together in the second set, 7-5, and completed the come-from-behind win with an equally tough 6-4 triumph in



the deciding third set.

The top-ranked Lee will battle the girls U14 championship against New Caledonia and second seed Lea Bolo, who waltzed past Fiji's Vienna Kumar, 6-0, 6-2, to gain the other finals berth. The finals duel between the Top 2 seeds is slated for today.

While Lee survived her semis opponents Lizama, Miyawaki, and Schorr did not.

Schorr's streak ended when he bowed to Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy in the bottom bracket semis, 6-7 (3), 6-1, in the boys

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4 pairs play extended matches

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Four pairs had a tough day in the office as it took them three games to survive last Sunday's matches in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the two men's A doubles



tiffs, Jordan Pangilinan and Ezekiel Macario endured Ferdie Arago and Aries Cordero, 21-16, 20-21, 21-7, while Andreau Galvez and Deether

Edralin also labored a 21-20, 17-21, 21-19 victory over Chris Hilario and Jerry Hibi.

In the men's B doubles, Eric Pena and Alvin Alvarez outclassed A.J. Ortega and Celso Agui, 21-18, 17-21, 21-17. The duo of Annette Ta and

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Aries Cordero bends for a return during a singles game in Week 3 of the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex.

Blue Haus still spotless; Armatech splits games

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Blue Haus stretched its win streak to six, while Armatech split its two games this week in the 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup.

Blue Haus kept its unbeaten record, following a 106-61 thrashing of I Love Saipan (0-6) in the second game last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. In the lone match last Monday, Armatech (4-2) also notched a lopsided win over the PIC Chefs (2-4), 92-57, before falling to Mariana Resort (5-1), 88-99, in last Wednesday's curtain raiser.

George De Guzman led Mariana Resort's 11-point win over Armatech with his 28 points. He scored 8 straight points in the fourth quarter that started with Mariana Resort ahead by only 5, 73-68. The big man finished the fourth canto with 11 markers and drew help from Jesse

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Armater's Rommel Bartolo pulls up for an uncontested jumper during their game against I Love Saipan in the first round of the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup early this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.